

Red Sea tops Lebanon as chief Arab concern

By ANAN SAFADI
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Southern Lebanon last night faded from the current central issue of the Middle East as Arab leaders turned their attention to the uncertain waters of the Red Sea.

In a low-key meeting in Beirut yesterday, Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and Christian and Moslem leaders from southern Lebanon pledged to restore normalcy along Lebanon's border with Israel. They did not elaborate, though the pledge was presumed to mean dispatching Lebanese security forces to southern Lebanon and curbing the presence of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Egyptian press has recently stepped up its allegations of increased Israeli presence at the mouth of the Red Sea. The Cairo newspapers yesterday claimed that Israel has been beefing up its presence on the Ethiopian coast, especially in the Dahlak islands off the Massawa harbour and an inlet near the port of Assab. Both of these Ethiopian ports are located in Eritrea, claimed by Arab-backed secessionist rebels.

In an apparent reply to Ethiopian protests over Arab intrigues, the Syrian ruling party "al-Baath" yesterday reiterated the determination to restore the Red Sea's Arab character, claiming that the waterway had always been both historically and geographically an "Arab lake."

Many regional observers yesterday remained puzzled by the sudden-

ly mounting Arab uproar over the Red Sea. One school of thought was that the target was not so much Israel as Ethiopia, which is currently entangled in border conflicts with neighbouring Sudan and Somalia — both members of the Arab League.

This school of thought said the situation was heated by French plans to hold an independence referendum next month in the Arab-occupied Afars and Issas colony, which controls the Red Sea's strategic Bah al-Mandeh straits. Ethiopia and Somalia are locked in territorial claims over the colony, whose port of Djibouti is a vital lifeline for Addis Ababa.

Another school of thought holds that the target behind the Arab uproar is the Soviet Union — now reportedly launching a drive, with the aid of Cubans, to replace the Americans as the dominant power in Ethiopia. Saudi Arabia and Egypt have for some time been combating Soviet entrenchment in Somalia, where the Kremlin has one of its biggest African investments.

The Red Sea "Arabization" episode was raised for the first time last weekend at a limited Khartoum summit of the heads of state of Sudan, Egypt and Syria. The three countries set up a joint political command.

Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad earlier blocked an African attempt to raise the Red Sea controversy at a Cairo conference of Afro-Arab Foreign Ministers now preparing for next Monday's summit of Afro-Arab leaders at the Egyptian capital. Riad said that the Arabs did not want the conference to turn into a public airing of regional quarrels. "No regional or local problems are going to be raised at the Afro-Arab summit."

"The place to discuss such problems is the Organization of African Unity (OAU)," Riad said. He added that the conference was confined to establishing foundations for political and economic cooperation between the Arabs and Africa.

Sixty-one delegates, including 30 heads of state, are scheduled to take part in the Cairo parley, whose foreign affairs chiefs have already authored a joint "declaration" condemning Zionism, apartheid and colonialism.

Labour chiefs say dispute won't affect campaign unity

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Political Reporter

EL AVIV. — Labour Party election leaders, holding their first full-dress meeting yesterday, agreed that the ill-resolved differences on division of power between the Rabin and Peres camps would not stand in the way of cooperation during the campaign.

At the election meeting of the heads of Labour's 15 regions, Peres supporters were confident that the "bombs" would be resolved. "Our aim problem is to win," one Peres supporter said. "We're not going to go to the elections. Did you ever see anyone boycotting himself?"

Commerce and Industry Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Labour's campaign manager, called on the regions to set their campaign teams immediately. Labour's drive for votes the May 17 election begins on Sunday.

Meanwhile, a meeting between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres, set to iron out difficulties in the

allocation of key party posts between supporters of the two men, was called off yesterday — by the third man at the twice-postponed talks, party Secretary-General Meir Zarmi. It now appears that the Rabin-Peres meeting will not take place until after the Prime Minister returns from next week's trip to Washington, although it is certain to precede the convening of the new Central Committee later this month.

Zarmi told the campaign leaders that he was confident the party's internal disagreements would be solved within a few days. He was "working very hard" on the matter, he said.

The secretary-general added that he expected to convene the new 80-member Central Committee within a fortnight and present to it his proposals on the composition of the party's senior forums.

Sources in the Peres camp speculated that Zarmi has failed to bridge the gap between their demand for virtually equal power with Rabin, and the Prime Minister's insistence that he is the number one man and there is no room for bargaining.

A key figure in Peres' camp, Dr. Michael Bar-Zohar, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday he did not believe the apparent impasse would end in an "explosion."

A source close to Zarmi said the secretary-general had received numerous suggestions on how the

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U.S. re-studies Saudia's Mavericks

WASHINGTON. — President Carter's Administration is reviewing the sale of 650 Maverick TV-guided missiles to Saudi Arabia, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has told Congress.

Other U.S. officials said, meanwhile, that a \$1.4b. deal the kingdom has with Raytheon Corporation for 580 Improved Hawk missiles is also being re-examined.

In making a decision on the Mavericks, Vance told a House Appropriations subcommittee, the Carter Administration will be guided by whether:

• The weapons are essential to Saudi Arabia's security.

• The sale would upset the arms balance in the Middle East.

• The sale would contribute to peace between the Arabs and Israel.

"We are applying the same rules to each and every request, whether it is from the Arabs or Israel," Vance said.

Last month the Administration halted the sale of concussion bombs to Israel. Other weapons deals with

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Rabin to stress basic concord in U.S. visit

Post Diplomatic Reporter

The main purpose of Prime Minister Rabin's talk in Washington next week will be to establish a basic political understanding with President Carter and the members of his new administration.

According to top-level sources, Rabin does not intend to put forward any new political proposals, but will be intent on laying out in detail the existing fundamentals of Israel policy on ways of achieving a Middle East peace settlement.

According to these sources, there are no specific operative problems between Israel and the U.S. that must be resolved during Rabin's visit. The U.S. Administration has already submitted a \$1.8b. aid package for the 1977-1978 fiscal year to Congress, arms deliveries are proceeding on schedule, and the recent talks here with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance laid the groundwork for closer coordination on bilateral issues.

Neither the aborted sale of Kfir

planes to Ecuador nor President Carter's decision to cancel the sale of concussion bombs to Israel will figure prominently in the talks, the sources said. Rabin is said to consider these as "secondary" matters that must not be allowed to eclipse what he terms "basics," namely a common understanding with the Carter Administration on the political issues involved in reaching a Middle East settlement.

The sources noted that in the talks with Vance there was already tacit agreement that reach a settlement Israel must remain strong, that such a settlement should not be "imposed" by the Big Powers and that it should be achieved as the result of negotiations by the parties rather than blueprints from Washington or elsewhere.

In preparation for his Washington talks, Rabin met yesterday with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, Defence Minister Shimon Peres, the Chief of Staff, Minister Israel Galili and other aides.



FROLICKING IN THE SNOW. — Costumed young revellers who returned from a Purim party in Jerusalem last night gleefully play in the snow which rapidly covered the capital after falling from late in the afternoon. (Rahamin Yisraeli)

SNOW COATS CAPITAL

The weather played a Purim joke on Jerusalem yesterday, enveloping it with a March snowfall.

The cold rain which had been falling in the city in the afternoon began to turn white shortly before dusk. After seeming to change its mind, the snow returned a few hours later and began sticking in earnest to the streets.

The Municipality, many of whose senior employees had been looking forward to a weekend holiday, announced that emergency steps had been taken in case the snow threatened to close streets.

The city snow headquarters was set up at about seven o'clock last

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night, to coordinate snowplough and salt-spreading operations with the police and the army.

By late last night a number of minor traffic accidents had been reported, but there were no injuries.

The whole country felt the sharp contrast with the spring weather which graced most of February. Heavy rain fell on Western Galilee through most of yesterday. The upper Galilee and the Golan Heights had snowfalls and bitter cold, and Kiryat Shmona's main street was flooded by an icy torrent of water from the mountains.

The whole area, including Safed, the Golan Heights and Mt. Meron, was covered in dense fog towards evening. Traffic came to a virtual standstill.

More rain is expected in the northern and central areas at the weekend, and there is a chance of further snow in the hills and the Jerusalem area.

Meanwhile the weatherman's monthly report for January says that temperatures for that month were average and rainfall ranged from lower than usual for the time of year in the north, to near average in the centre and somewhat above average in the Negev.

Ten killed on roads; eight were soldiers

Jerusalem Post Staff and Itim

An army colonel and his driver were killed yesterday morning in one of a series of road accidents here and abroad that claimed the lives of 10 Israelis in the past 48 hours. Eight of the victims were in the defence forces.

Aluf Mishne (Col.) Amir Yaffe, 37, of Maoz Haim and Samal Yair Yafai Ravid, 21, were killed at 7 a.m. yesterday at the Rosh Ha'ayin intersection. Their car, which was driven by Sergeant Ravid, veered across the road after hitting a deep puddle and collided with a bus. Yaffe, commander of an armoured brigade in Sinai, was one of the IDF's outstanding young officers. He earned the medal for courage for his actions as an Armoured Corps battalion commander during the Yom Kippur War. Promoted to the rank of colonel in 1974, he had served as an instructor at the Staff and Command College.

Yaffe leaves a wife, four children and his parents. He will be buried at Maoz Haim at 1 p.m. today. Yaffe was a cousin of Spag-Aluf Yossi Yaffe, who was killed earlier this week when his jeep struck a mine near Nitzana.

Sergeant Ravid will be buried at the Holon military cemetery at 11 a.m. today.

On Wednesday, Segen Marky (Mordechai) Raanan, 22, of Beersheba, was fatally injured in an accident in the South. (See separate story, page 2).

In Scotland two members of the Israel Defence Forces were killed and two others seriously injured on Wednesday when their car collided with a heavy truck. Dead are Rav-Toral (Corporal) Hanoach Add and Rav-Samail



A/M Amir Yaffe

(Sergeant Major) Haim Tal, who were in Argyle for a submarine training programme. The injured are Uri Har-Zahav and Shimon Kfir. All were said to be in their early 20s. The accident occurred on the Livery Road in a mountainous area.

Back in Israel, four persons were killed on the Coastal Road at 1.30 p.m. yesterday when their car collided head on with a truck near Nitzana. Three of the passengers in the car were soldiers.

The names of the fatalities were not released last night.

In another accident yesterday afternoon, 20-year-old Eliezer Saho of Kibbutz Kfar Hamacabi was killed in a head-on collision with a bus. The accident occurred near Kiryat Ata.

Lebanese group here asks for aid from Vatican

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 17-member delegation from southern Lebanon at present in Israel met here yesterday with diplomatic representatives of France, Belgium and the Vatican.

In separate meetings, lasting about six hours, they explained that the Christian military and economic situation in southern Lebanon is very difficult. If it had not been for Israel's aid, things would have been worse, they stressed.

They asked that the Christian world, especially the Vatican, come to their assistance.

Members of the delegation also met with Israel government officials. They refused to give details of the talks or to disclose names of the officials involved, but said they were satisfied with the outcome.

The delegation returns to Lebanon this morning.

Syrians still below Red Line

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Syrian troops who recently moved out of the Lebanese town of Nabatiya still remain south of Israel's "Red Line" in Lebanon.

Qualified sources in Jerusalem said yesterday that Prime Minister Rabin will discuss this during his talks in Washington next week.

Syrian evacuation of Nabatiya was achieved in a advance of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's visit to the Middle East last month. But the pre-Nabatiya status quo has not been restored, and the Lebanese Government has not yet been able to mount its own forces to bring stability to South Lebanon.

There is a fear in Washington that

some Christian elements in South Lebanon could be interested in enticing the Syrians to remain in the south in order to provoke a Syrian-Israeli confrontation to serve the Christian interest in Lebanon against the Moslems.

According to this reading, Lebanese President Sarkis may have proposed a U.N. presence in South Lebanon to counter such a scheme.

Israel opposes any Syrian military presence in South Lebanon, is sceptical about a U.N. presence, but would accept a genuine Lebanese force in the area that could assure Moslem-Christian tranquility and prevent terrorist incursions.

ILO drops bid to probe Areas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The International Labour Organization Executive yesterday released its head, at his own request, from having to carry out a 1974 resolution demanding an investigation into alleged "Israeli oppression" of Arab labourers in the administered territories.

The vote — 310 to 22 — came after ILO secretary general Francois

Blanchard told the Executive that while Israel had agreed to a "survey" to be conducted by a noted Norwegian jurist, the Arabs had turned the Norwegian down.

Officials in Jerusalem last night hoped the unaccommodated development reflected the dissatisfaction of professional UN civil servants at the politicization of the world's body's specialized agencies.

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Arab schools found lacking

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A shocking profile of the state-operated school system in the Arab sector was unveiled by a Knesset committee this week. But the picture contained in a five-page, closely typed mimeographed report — went almost unnoticed, obscured by political developments and the collapse of the national wage policy.

In August 1974 the Knesset referred to the Education Committee a motion for the agenda in-

troduced by Jaher Muadi (Alignment), now Deputy Minister of Agriculture. It concerned "the situation of Arab schoolchildren." Then, last June, Mapam's Aharon Efrat introduced a similar motion, on "the condition of primary school education in Israel's Arab communities." But it was not until Monday of this week that the committee released its findings and recommendations, based on 10 sittings devoted to the two motions.

After hearing testimony by Arab educators, representatives of the Ministry of Education and Culture, heads of Arab local authorities and scholars who had researched the subject, the Knesset Education Committee found that:

• For years, the Government has failed to invest sufficiently in Arab school construction and development. As a result, between 4,000 and 5,000 classrooms are lacking.

• Classroom density is greater than in Jewish schools, with many classes held in leased quarters spread all over the villages; many of the buildings are substandard in sanitation and maintenance.

• There is a "serious shortage" of science laboratories, libraries and gymnasiums, and the State Lands Authority and local councils impede allocation of land for public use, such as for school facilities.

generation of Israeli Arab adults. The school dropout rate in the Arab sector "has already reached alarming proportions and surpasses by far the dropout rate in the Jewish sector." Most of the Arab school dropouts occur in grades seven through nine.

The committee also discovered that the quality of textbooks used in Arab schools is low, and even bad textbooks are in short supply in such fields as the natural sciences and Islamic and Middle Eastern studies.

Although there is a great demand for vocational and agricultural training among Arab youngsters, there are only three vocational schools serving the Arab sector, compared with 318 in the Jewish sector.

While the Jewish sector is served by 27 agricultural schools, the Arab sector has only two.

Arab schools are not included in the various "special attention" programmes maintained by the Education Ministry for culturally deprived pupils, the committee says. A possible reason for this, it adds, is the "serious shortage of budget and manpower allocated to the Ministry's Arab Education and Culture Department."

Summing up its findings, the Knesset Education Committee makes 18 recommendations designed to "equalize the quality of education between the Arab and Jewish sectors in the State of Israel."

As expected, the onus for improvement is placed on the Ministry, since the committee believes more resources are the key to narrowing the gap between the next generation of Israeli Arabs and Israeli Jews.

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Forecast:
Stormy weather with showers and thunderstorms. Still likelihood of snow in hills, with poor visibility due to low clouds.

Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem 66	2-5	4
Golan 68	2-5	3
Nahariya 64	2-5	3
Safed 62	2-5	3
Haifa Port 61	2-5	3
Tiberias 37	2-17	12
Nazareth 54	5-10	7
Atula 62	5-10	7
Sharon 61	5-10	7
Tel Aviv 61	5-10	7
B-G Airport 48	8-15	12
Jericho 24	8-20	17
Gaza 76	8-15	12
Beersheba 28	7-14	11
Elilat 22	12-22	19
Tiran Straits 35	13-22	20

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Karl Carmichael, and the head of his office, Marc Sand, were yesterday the guests of the Knesset and were received by Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel.

MK Elimelech Shalit has been elected chairman of the Israel-Austrian League's National Council. Other officers are Meir Faerber and Alfred Frankenstein, vice-chairmen; Ephraim Elan, honorary secretary; and Yitzhak Ben-Ari, treasurer.

Prof. Abraham Ginsburg has been appointed president of the Open University, the university's council announced this week. Max Rowe, who served as acting president, has been named vice-chancellor, and Dr. Yona Peles has been designated vice president in charge of planning and technology.

"Berlin — A City in Search of Its Future," a mobile town-planning exhibit, will open in Haifa tomorrow night, in the presence of West German Ambassador Per Fischer, Berlin City Senator Harry Ristock, and Mayor Yehoram Ziesel. The exhibit will run in Haifa's Mt. Carmel Auditorium through March 15, then move on to Jerusalem (March 23-25), Tel Aviv (April 28-May 14), and Beersheba (May 21-June 2). Berlin Mayor Klaus Schmeitz will attend the Jerusalem opening.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 8.00 tonight at Hahadassah, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Ya'acov Bar-Or, community leader, and Ben Hagai, distinguished settler from the U.S.A. (Communicated)

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 8.30 tonight at Hachal Shlomo in Jerusalem. Speakers will be Rabbi Alexander Carlebach and Ephraim Elan, of the Foreign Ministry. Cantor Arye Goldberger will lead the singing of Zohar, A. Melave Mafka programme will be held tomorrow at the same place, and with Binayamin Elan of the Foreign Ministry. Cantor Yehuda Lender will give a recital. The public is invited to both occasions.

A Purim Supper and Dance will be held on Saturday March 6th, at the Dora Goldstein Wiso House, 13 MacDonald Street, Netanya, at 8.30 p.m., organized by the English Speaking Committee. All welcome.

All Parents without Partners are welcome to a Purim social on Sunday, March 6, at 5 p.m., at the Carol and Joseph Roth Cultural Centre, 84 Jaffa Road, Jerusalem.

University, paramedical strike threats stand

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Negotiations with the university faculty members and the paramedical workers last night appeared to be going down to the wire, with both groups due to strike on Sunday unless settlements are reached over the weekend.

The faculty strike would involve all instructional staff, from teaching assistant to full professor, at all Israeli universities; the paramedics include 850 physiotherapists, 600 occupational therapists and 100 technicians. Meetings with both groups yesterday failed to produce any progress.

One strike was settled yesterday — the 14-day walkout of diamond grinders and cutters in Tel Aviv and Netanya. At a meeting at the Diamond Exchange in Ramat Gan, it was determined that a special joint committee will deal with labour problems, and will file a report by the end of the month.

According to the agreement reached yesterday, the cutters will get a temporary increase of 10 per cent in their February wages, and Netanya polishers will get a 12.5 per cent advance on their eventual raises.

All diamond workers are due to go back to work today.

Faculty representatives and university officials met yesterday. The meeting led only to a stiffening of faculty demands.

"Not only will we strike," explained a spokesman for the Coordinating Council of University Faculty. "We will also demand that negotiations be started from scratch and we will reopen demands which we had previously abandoned."

University teachers had reached an agreement with the universities and the Ministry of Finance, but the agreement (which was initiated) was never signed or carried out, he said. Among other things, the agreement had "put aside" demands by junior faculty, demands which will be made again if negotiations start anew.

Another faculty representative appeared to expect a last-minute development on Saturday night, as has happened in recent strikes in the public sector.

Meanwhile, the staffs of the Tel Aviv and Haifa branches of the Bank of Israel will stay home today, for the Purim holiday and not for a strike. Yesterday, the workers held a one-day warning walkout, in protest against their failure to get wage increases granted to government officials.

The Bank of Israel officials traditionally have refused to have their wages linked to workers in the public sector, preferring to be identified with the higher-paid employees in the banking system.

But this week, they asked for the 1100-850 wage increase granted to all civil servants. Their strike followed the management's refusal to discuss the matter with them.

Civil servants got their pay elpse yesterday, after the employees at the Government Computer Centre resumed normal work after a week of sanctions. On Wednesday, Civil Service Commissioner Ya'acov Nitza promised the workers that their demands, for higher wages and special grades, would be discussed by special joint ministry committees. Nitza told the computer workers that they will get the same wage hike as civil servants.

Employers: More jobless soon

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Industrial unemployment is expected to grow during the coming months, with factories in the defence, textile, home-appliance and building industries already considering laying off workers.

Manufacturers Association official said yesterday. He added that he could not predict how many would be out of work.

The official told *The Jerusalem Post* he knew of several plants working for the defence industry "that are about to complete their contracts with no new contracts in sight. Home appliance factories are not selling much today," he said, "and they have already stocked up large quantities of appliances in their stores. These indications are visible and there is no need to make a survey," he declared.

He said the Manufacturers Association would have to meet to discuss the serious situation. But he emphasized that as they were not responsible for the whole economic situation it would be difficult for them to make plans or take any steps.

Merchants' organizer acquitted in tax case

The secretary of the Jerusalem Merchants Association, Avraham Birnbaum, was acquitted yesterday of charges that he failed to file an income tax return for 1973.

The Magistrates Court ruled that Birnbaum was a salaried employee of the Merchants Association in that year and had income tax deducted at source. The judge noted that the prosecution could have established early in the proceedings that Birnbaum was not a taxpayer. His return and thus saved the court's time.

But shortly after leaving the courtroom, Birnbaum was stopped with an indictment in a new case: he is charged with contravening the Trade Restrictions Law in connection with the strike of grocers he organized last August. The charges were pressed by the Commerce and Industry Ministry. (Him)

ILANIT WILL sing "Love is a Song for Two"

— this year's Israel entry to the Eurovision competition — at the 1977 Song Festival at Jerusalem's Binyamin Elan tomorrow night. The event, which will be broadcast live on TV, was moved from Independence Day to Purim.



Volunteers from the Soviet religious immigrant aid group, Hama, handing out mishloach manot to recent arrivals from the Soviet Union in Hishon Lexion.

Wind and wet cast pall over Purim

Jerusalem Post Staff

Yesterday's sudden change in the weather cast a white mantle of snow over Purim in Jerusalem, but in Tel Aviv it brought a pall of rain that forced the Municipality to cancel all its scheduled festivities, including the Purim Illumination.

These included the mass dancing set for Bikur Mafek Yisrael. City officials said that the holding of today's events would depend on the weather.

In Haifa the Purim story was a similarly soggy one, but the rain there did not prevent thousands of children from dashing about in sodden costumes. One lad, dressed as Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, drew smiles by dragging a collapsing cart — labelled "package deal" — along the wet pavement.

Haifa's schools held their scheduled Purim parties.

Far to the east some 600 new immigrants living in the Haifa area had gone up to the windswept Golan the day before to distribute Purim gifts to an army unit serving there. Thousands of *homemakers* were consumed, along with a gigantic cream cake prepared by two recent women immigrants from Russia and Rumania. Many of the 600 remained on the Golan to hear the Book of Esther read.

Also busy distributing Purim mishloach manot (packages of sweets) for the holiday were the Habad Hassidim in Israel. The Hassidim said they would try to reach soldiers on all borders, hospital patients, people in jail, and widows and war orphans with 150,000 packages by the time the Sabbath begins this evening.

From the city of Brooklyn in the U.S. Habad's leader, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, had issued a letter urging his followers to persuade all Jews in Israel to celebrate the holiday.

At Ben-Gurion Airport the absence of ten porters — who were perhaps making Purim cheer — led to delays of up to an hour yesterday evening in getting incoming passengers' luggage to them. After an hour's wait, a group of Alitalia passengers from Rome began clapping rhythmically to express their displeasure. The clapping was taken up by others in the hall, and while it did not bring the luggage any faster, it did seem to restore the holiday spirit.

Marky Raanan killed; son of Post manager

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Segen (Lt.) Marky (Mordechai) Raanan, who was fatally injured in a road accident on the Pingot road in the South on Wednesday, will be buried at Jerusalem's Mount Herzl Military Cemetery at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Raanan, 22, of Beersheba, died on the way to hospital after the car he was driving collided with a truck and veered into a roadside ditch.

Raanan is survived by his wife, Orna; his parents, Zvi and Jill of Motza Elit, near Jerusalem; and three younger brothers. He had been married for a year and a half.

Raanan was born in London and grew up on Kibbutz Beit Ha'Emek in Western Galilee. His father, Zvi, general manager of *The Jerusalem Post*, was informed of the accident on his arrival in Jamaica on Wednesday to begin a five-month mission on behalf of the UN. The elder Raanan flew back to Israel yesterday.

A DONATION OF IL250,000 for furnishing and equipping a reading room and library at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba has been made by Prof. Moshe Prywes and his wife in memory of their son, who was killed while on army service in Sinai last summer.

USAF split on F-16 rights

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Air Force is reportedly split on whether America should grant co-production rights to Israel to assemble the F-16 fighter-bomber.

According to U.S. Government sources, no final U.S. decision is expected to be relayed to Prime Minister Rabin during his meetings with President Carter next week.

"Aviation Week and Space Technology" said this week a negative U.S. reply was expected during the Rabin visit.

The sources said that the U.S. is still awaiting specific replies to questions posed to Israel regarding Israel's need for the super-sophisticated warplane. The "Aviation Week" report was premature, they said.

President Carter, these sources disclosed, will be asking Rabin whether the 250 F-16s Israel has reportedly requested will be needed to supplement existing Phantom fighter-bombers and other planes already in the Israeli Air Force, or whether they will replace older aircraft, to be removed from the Israeli inventory.

The sources confirmed that some officials in the Pentagon believe Israel needs only 125 F-16s. But they insisted that no final decision on numbers has been reached — nor is one likely before Israel submits additional information to the U.S.

The U.S. has already agreed in principle to supply Israel with the F-16. The only questions remaining include the matter of co-production rights and the total number of planes Israel will be permitted to purchase.

"Aviation Week" reported that the only department in the Pentagon that has already voiced support for the granting of the co-production rights is the Defense Security Agency. Others are still preparing their recommendations — including the Air Force.

Some elements in the Pentagon are sceptical of Israel's needs for co-production rights, fearful that Israel is primarily interested in learning advanced U.S. aviation technology that can be exploited later for use on other Israeli-made planes, and put on the export market in competition with U.S. aircraft.

Pentagon and State Department officials also fear that allowing Israel to make the plane would "export" U.S. jobs at a time when the U.S. aviation industry is already facing high unemployment.

This has been the chief reason in the past for U.S. refusal to allow Israel to co-produce earlier planes, such as the Phantom or the Skyhawk.

Mavericks

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U.S. re-studies Israel and the Arab states are also under review.

Regarding the Mavericks, Vance told Representative Charles Wilson of Texas, who raised the issue. "That's not to say it (the sale) will not go through." A contract for the Maverick sale was signed by the two governments late last year. Delivery is scheduled to begin in 1978.

Initially, the Ford Administration asked Congress to approve the sale of 1,500 of the rocket-powered missiles to Saudi Arabia, which already has the F-4 jets to carry them. Supporters of Israel, concerned that the weapons could be used in a future war, arranged a compromise of 650 missiles.

However, in a letter to Vance earlier this week, Representative Benjamin Rosenthal of New York questioned the Maverick question. He also asked the Administration to deny export licences for the sale of the Hawk missiles.

"The deals pose serious threats to the strategic balance in the region," Rosenthal wrote. The congressman reminded Vance that President Carter, while campaigning last fall for the White House, said the Maverick deal would increase the chance of conflict in the area. "No administration sensitive to the climate in the Middle East would let the sale go forward," Carter had said. (AP)

Egyptians not allowing Sinai border crossings

By ZVI ARENSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Egyptian officials have been refusing to cooperate with the normally routine exchange of Arab visitors across the Sinai border zone for over two months, informed sources here said yesterday.

The crossings were halted at the end of December. Between 300 and 400 persons have been crossing the border each month since 1976, first at Ismailia and more recently at the buffer zone.

Officially, the Egyptians claim to be concerned by a World Health Organisation report last November on cholera in the Gaza Strip. According to Dr. Khelvi Abu Ramadan, military government director of health in the Gaza Strip and Northern Sinai, there were about 35 cases of cholera in the Strip at that time, but the last case was reported on December 12.

The Egyptians never have been informed officially of the end of the outbreak, since WHO reports show only occurrence of the disease, and not its absence, the doctor said.

This week, Dr. Abu Ramadan sent a letter to Egyptian officials through the International Red Cross, informing them that he considers the outbreak over.

There are currently about 850 persons on each side registered for crossing permits, according to Red Cross officials here. Some of them already have made the trip, via Jordan or Cyprus, the officials added.

Sinai smugglers nabbed

GAZA. — An El Arish truck stopped for inspection near Kuseima in Sinai earlier this week was found to contain IL250,000 in smuggled goods from Egypt — coffee, tinned meat, bales of cloth and *lehina*. The two men in the truck, both from El Arish, were held for questioning.

Lorincz: Won't run if not in first place

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MK Shlomo Lorincz threatened yesterday not to run for re-election if he is not given first place on Agudat Yisrael Knesset list. He hinted that he might take the matter to Aguda's Council of Sages.

At a meeting of the party's committee on Wednesday, Lorincz was placed third on the following MK's: Yehuda Abramovitz and Menahem Givon. Fourth place was assigned to Gross, and fifth to Ya'acov (Seppardim).

The same meeting ended, anticipated, an earlier recommendation of the faction leaders not to time the "Tora Front" with Poalei Agudat Yisrael.

Dr. Yosef Burg MK, head of National Religious Party's campaign, yesterday called "serious negotiations" between NRP and Poalei Agudat Yisrael the hope of forming an alliance. He said that a "camp" should be a matter of urgent consideration.

Rabbi Lorincz said that he, with the Sephardi faction group, the largest in the party, had that intention. The other factions, that since the union was elected only after the party's elections half a year ago, that not bound to recognize it.

But yesterday, Rabbi Lorincz to placate Lorincz by offering the chairmanship of the Knesset faction, as well as a choice in Knesset assignments.

Poalei Agudat Yisrael had, in view of the decision, form a "technical bloc" Knesset with Aguda after the elections. At a meeting of the central committee on Wednesday, Rabbi Kalman Kahana said that he was willing to serve full Knesset term if the party wins.

Labour

(Continued from page one)

Central Committee should not the party's candidates to Knesset. One of these said Arrangements Committee deal a proposal to present the Central Committee.

But Bar-Zohar said proposals had been that half of the delegates be chosen by Arrangements Committee half or two-thirds by the regions. Another proposal is party regions, the Central mittee and the Arrangements mittee each select a third of delegates.

Bar-Zohar acknowledged equal sharing of power was guaranteed throughout the new 18-member Central mittee may reject arrangements leadership had worked out, he argued.

The Peres camp, which Zohar said, was not satisfied. One Peres source said the name of a candidate for Central Committee rejected Arrangements Committee was nevertheless included. Rabin handed a note to the mittee's chairman, David El, as he read the names to the mittee. "We want to look for source said."

The Haifa Labour Monday complained to the party Central Committee that the dropped off the list, others were only elected. One Zeev Feldheim, told *The Post* he did not believe this was a real Rabin-Peres contest.

The list, meanwhile, is safe, Kalderson (who is Agriculture Bank) said. It published on Sunday or after 30 members (from communities) are added to list to 816.

Arab Christian unhappy over Labour list

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The unification of Labour-affiliated Arab Christians aroused much dissatisfaction in the Arab Christian community north.

Christian representative yesterday, that the unified cord, reached in the present Prime Minister, did not put any Christian candidate in six places of the party's list. They demanded that the place promised to the writer, Mahmoud Abass, marked for a Christian seat. There are 30,000 Christians North.

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New inventions shown at air congress

HAIFA. — The invention of a simple and low-cost system to assure stability in Israel-made missiles was described yesterday at the closing session of the 19th Israel Conference of Aeronautics and Astronautics at the Technion.

The new system was invented by a graduate of the Technion's aeronautical engineering faculty, who now works at Israel Aircraft Industries. It will replace the expensive and complex control system used up to now.

Another paper read yesterday described the development by two other faculty graduates of winglets for the Arava short-takeoff transport plane. The winglets will give the plane longer range and greater payload.

Snatchers attack tourist

TEL AVIV. — An unidentified woman tourist from the U.S. suffered a broken leg Wednesday night trying to ward off three thugs who seized her purse as she was walking along Rehov Hayarkon here. The woman was taken to hospital. Police were still searching yesterday for the three men and for the purse, which contained \$180 in cash and \$1,500 in travellers' cheques. (Him)

Gaza mayor not allowed to visit Ashkelon Prison hunger strikers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Mayor Rashad Shawa has been refused permission to visit representatives of the Ashkelon Prison hunger strikers. *The Jerusalem Post* was told yesterday.

Meanwhile, a group of 20 mothers who were participating in a sit-in at the Gaza Municipality were removed peacefully yesterday by military authorities. The women have been assembling outside the building daily since February 24, when their sons began a hunger strike in protest against the conditions of their imprisonment at Ashkelon.

Earlier in the week, it was reported that some of the prisoners had been moved to other jail facilities.

Red Cross officials here yesterday told *The Post* that the striking Ashkelon prisoners are being fed liquid nutrient.

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Ludvinna Janssen gets 6 years

TEL AVIV. — Ludvinna Janssen, the 27-year-old Dutch woman who was convicted of aiding a terrorist organization, was sentenced to six years imprisonment in the District Court yesterday.

Janssen was arrested on the eve of the Hashana at Ben-Gurion Airport, when she arrived in Israel on an information-gathering mission for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

During sentencing, the bench of three judges said they could not ignore the recent acts of terror that had been carried out by the terrorist organizations. In some of which Janssen had been injured.

A country in a state of siege, waging a bitter struggle against terrorism, cannot allow itself to deal leniently with the perpetrators of such acts or their emissaries when they are brought to trial, they said. When the sentence was translated into English, Janssen covered her face and wept.

The courtroom was crammed by legal correspondents, the Dutch being particularly well represented. Some of the Dutch journalists had been present at every session of Janssen's trial. Members of the Dutch consular staff were in court when sentence was passed.

The judges stressed that Janssen was not being punished for acts committed by others, and rejected the plea of defence counsel Felicia.



Ludvinna Janssen weeps in the dock as sentence is passed on her for aiding a terrorist organization. (Camera 13)

Langer that the sentence gave expression to popular feelings of revenge. The bench quoted the Sage to the effect that he who shows mercy to the cruel ends by being cruel to the merciful.

The judges pointed out that Janssen's acts could have resulted in terrible consequences had their intended course been fulfilled. This had been prevented not by hesitance on the part of the accused, they said, but only through her capture.

After sentence was passed, district attorney Sara Sarota, who conducted the prosecution case, said she intended to appeal against Janssen's acquittal on the charge of making contact with a hostile agent. The judge, in reaching their verdict, had said that the present state of the interpretation of the law made it impossible to convict Janssen on this count. Defence counsel Langer gave notice that she would appeal against the severity of the sentence. (Itim)

U.S. treading on activists' heels

TEL AVIV. — Aliya activists in Moscow and other Soviet cities are "a great escalation in tension" within local Zionist circles following a recent increase in the number of U.S. agents, arches, and harassment. They are the Soviet secret police, the arches, and the harassment.

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By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In Israel, meanwhile, Dr. Pinhas Knoch has demanded to be allowed to see his brother Leif in Moscow's notorious Vladimir Prison, in order to give him a medical checkup. Leif has suffered persistent and severe internal hemorrhages in recent months.

It is feared that Knoch may be suffering from cancer and a number of other doctors around the world have asked to look at the 33-year-old Riga electrician. But thus far all appeals to the prison authorities to hospitalize and examine him have been fruitless.

Knoch was sentenced to 10 years' hard labour under "harsh regime" for his part in the 1970 Leninist plot to hijack a plane out of the Soviet Union. In August 1975 he was moved from a labour camp to Vladimir Prison, where conditions are reported to be the worst in the entire Soviet penal system. He has since been kept in solitary confinement for prolonged periods.

Leif Knoch's wife Meri now lives in Israel, with their young son Yigal, who was born after his arrest and whom Knoch has never seen. She too has asked to visit her husband, "The son of Dr. Mikhail Shtern, another prisoner of Zion, has meanwhile asked the U.S. and French presidents and the U.S. Secretary of State to intercede on behalf of the 58-year-old endocrinologist, who has been placed

in solitary confinement in a special punishment cell. Shtern's son Victor, who along with his brother August came to Israel after his father's 1974 trial, said the solitary confinement means Dr. Shtern will be given very light clothing and kept in an unheated room, despite the harsh Soviet winter.

Solitary confinement also means a daily food-ration of 400 grams of bread and some water. "Given my father's age and his frail health, this clearly endangers his life," Victor wrote in his appeal to the world leaders.

Dr. Shtern is known to have heart, respiratory and spinal troubles, and has fallen ill several times in the Ukrainian labour camp where he is being held.

The doctor was sentenced to eight years' hard labour on charges of fraud and bribery so obviously trumped up that the case aroused an international outcry. The prosecution's own witnesses refuted the state's case against Shtern, but this did not stop him getting a heavy sentence.

At Jerusalem's Western Wall yesterday, two immigrant families from Moldova staged a hunger strike to protest the Soviet's refusal to let their relatives emigrate to Israel. The relatives — Mark Grauer, 47, and Marat Oms, 43 — applied five years ago to leave the USSR. "Since that time they have been without work or places of their own in which to live," (Owen - Page 4)

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Series of arson cases plagues Tel Aviv area

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Firemen are still investigating the causes of the fire which gutted a nightclub in Rehov Frishman Wednesday evening.

The "Piano Bar" club, in the cellar of a four-story building near the Dan Hotel, was empty at the time. A police spokesman said that until the Fire Department decides otherwise, the police are assuming that the fire was caused by a fault in the electrical system.

Newspaper reports maintain that the club was a meeting place for various underworld figures, hence the possibility was strong that the fire may have been a case of arson, in the course of "settling accounts."

A fire which caused heavy damage early yesterday morning in Petah Tikva was clearly a case of arson, and is being investigated. This fire broke out in a haberdashery on Rehov Haim Ozer shortly after a.m., but firemen contained it quickly.

Two other arson attempts were reported in Tel Aviv, at the same place, Tuesday and Wednesday night. The arsonists tried to start fires at the entrance to a massage parlour in Rishon Idelson, but neighbours foiled both attempts by quickly dousing the flames.

Ship ready, but strike may again delay delivery

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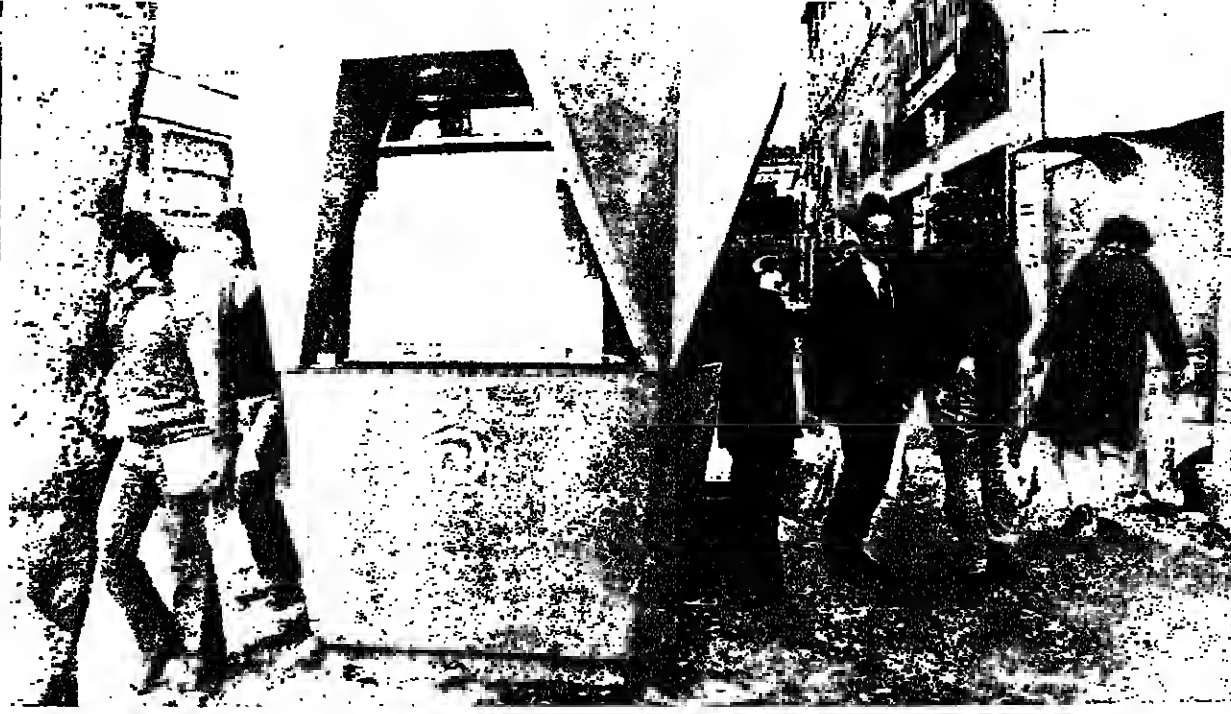
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Pedestrians make their way around Mifal Hapayis booth on Jaffa Road next to Mahane Yehuda market. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Payis ticket booths too big for Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mifal Hapayis, the national lottery authority, picked a loser when it recently set up three new ticket booths on Jerusalem's Jaffa Road. The municipality has deemed them unsuitable for the Capital's streets and ordered their removal.

"They're too big for Jerusalem," says Nehemia Oz, head of the City Beautification Department. "We've got narrower sidewalks than in Tel Aviv. They also have all these things sticking out."

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mifal Hapayis has accepted the ruling and ordered architect Zvi Lissar to design a new lottery booth suitable for the Holy City. Lissar indicated in an interview that he would design something smaller but adhering largely to the present shape and of the same blue colour.

The design, he said, had been

developed in conjunction with the Council for a Beautiful Israel and was part of an effort to achieve design coherence in various booths on the country's streets. Taxi kiosks in Tel Aviv, for instance, will bear a resemblance to the Mifal Hapayis booths but will be painted a different colour.

Mifal Hapayis is in the process of replacing its 450 antiquated booths around the country with the new models. It has 30 in Jerusalem.

Navon to chair committee on university fees

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ME Yitzhak Navon has been appointed chairman of the committee which will determine university tuition fees starting next academic year, the Education Ministry has announced. The appointment was made by Minister of Education Aharon Yadin.

In addition to Navon, the committee will consist of two representatives each of the National Students Federation, the Committee of University Heads, and the Government. The committee, whose chairman will have three votes, will take its decisions by a majority vote, and these will be binding on all concerned.

The first item on the committee's agenda is the possibility of establishing a graded-fee system for university students, similar to the one long in effect for high-school students.

Netanya contractors arrested on tax-evasion charges

NETANYA. — Three men, two of them partners in a contracting firm, were remanded by the Magistrate's Court here yesterday for seven and eight days on suspicion of evading income tax and falsifying financial records.

Tax investigators said Mordechai Ratz and Pinhas Lerner, managers of South America Investment and Construction Company, registered inflated expenses, recorded false prices in sales contracts, and sold cement without receipts. The two allegedly did business in millions of pounds annually, and Ratz was said to have deposited \$100,000 in banks in Israel and abroad from money obtained by cheating income tax authorities. The two were remanded for seven days.

David Ratz, Mordechai's brother, was alleged to have evaded taxes on hundreds of thousands of pounds, and to be in illegal possession of foreign currency and was remanded for eight days. (Itim)

CAPTAIN Arye Oz of El Al has been elected chairman of the 350-member Pilots' Association, replacing El Bahat.

Religious judge punched litigant, colleague says

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The president of a rabbinical court has been accused of cursing and threatening his colleague on the bench, and punching an 80-year-old litigant, in an affidavit filed in the High Court of Justice yesterday by another rabbinical judge.

The president of the regional bet din in Ashdod, Rabbi Shlomo Yellouze, is so abusive in his treatment of fellow judges, rabbinical judges and their clients that the court is in danger of imminent collapse, the affidavit says.

It was filed by Rabbi Haim Riji, one of the three dayanim in the Ashdod court, to back up the case of a rabbinical pleader who wants Rabbi Yellouze removed from his post. The pleader, Rabbi Menahem Sarious, obtained an order nisi two months ago against Rabbi Yellouze, and another against the Religious Affairs Minister. The first gives the rabbinical judge 60 days to show cause why he should not permit the

applicant to appear in his court. The second orders the minister to show cause why he should not remove Rabbi Yellouze from his post. Rabbi Sarious complained to the High Court that Rabbi Yellouze had barred him from appearing before the Ashdod regional rabbinical court because he had offended the chief doyan. Rabbi Yellouze was incensed when the pleader accused him of biased judgment, Rabbi Sarious said.

Rabbi Sarious also said in his application that Rabbi Yellouze does not get along with the other judges on his bench. In one case, the pleader said, when Rabbi Yellouze was in the minority, he got up and walked out of the court in the middle of writing the verdict.

Rabbi Riji said in his affidavit that Rabbi Yellouze frequently threatened the other rabbis and degraded them. In one case, he said, Rabbi Yellouze struck an 80-year-old litigant and pulled his beard. (Itim)

Three rugby matches set for tomorrow

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — In three National Rugby League matches tomorrow, Holon-Na'an host Tel Aviv University at Na'an (kicking off at 2 p.m.), Yizre'el and the Technion meet at Yizre'el (2.30 p.m.), and Baran play their home fixture against Ha'ogon-Nir Eliahu at the neighbouring kibbutz of Yiftah (1.30 p.m.). The Hebrew University and Mevo Hama are not engaged this weekend.

The Technion, Ha'ogon-Nir Eliahu and Holon-Na'an — together with the Hebrew University — are all still in the running for the 1976/77 league title, but a defeat for any of the three clubs tomorrow will put an end to its championship hopes.

At present, the Hailites lead the eight-team league with 10 points from six games. Ha'ogon-Nir Eliahu each have eight points from five fixtures. Each of the three has so far suffered only one defeat this season, as have Holon-Na'an, which, however, has played three of its seven scheduled matches.

The Cape Town University rugby team's recent two-week tour here caused the Israel Rugby Football Union to extend its programme by more than a month, until March 26.

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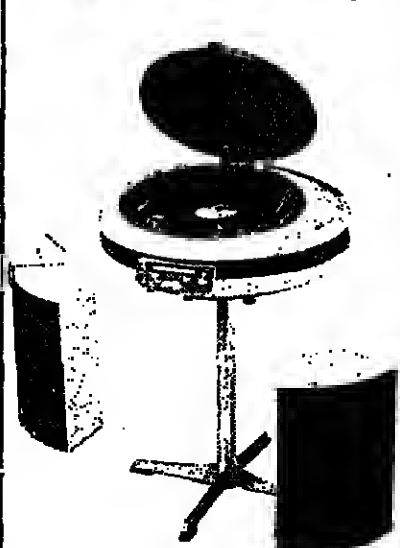
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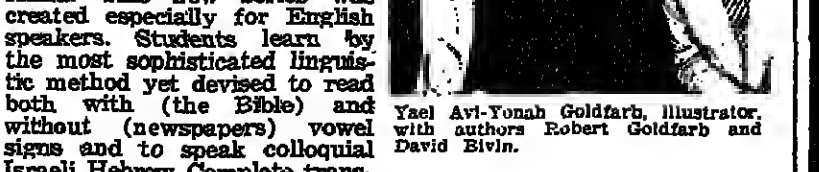
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Amin, PFLP reportedly plotted to abduct Americans at Entebbe

NAIROBI. — Palestinian terrorists planned to hijack a plane carrying American refugees out of Uganda, with the cooperation of President Idi Amin, a Kenyan newspaper reported yesterday.

The daily "Nation," quoting West German intelligence sources, said members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) "planned a hijacking in Entebbe, presumably with President Amin's knowledge."

Amin, it appears, had planned to provide an aircraft to evacuate some of the 240 Americans in Uganda. "PFLP terrorists would have mingled with the Americans and boarded the plane. It would then have been hijacked and possibly flown to Kenya," the "Nation" said.

The plan is believed to have been aborted when Amin hacked down in his confrontation with the U.S. and attempted to defuse the crisis. Amin last week ordered the Americans in Uganda to remain in the country until he met with them on Wednesday, but he later postponed the meeting indefinitely and said they were free to leave if they wished.

Church officials, meanwhile, reported yesterday that all American missionaries in Uganda have decided to remain there despite Amin's unpredictable actions and reports of continuing atrocities and murders by his men.

Radio Uganda said yesterday that President Jimmy Carter had expressed "apprehension" to Amin for his assurances on the welfare of U.S. citizens and asked Amin for suggestions on how those Americans wishing to leave Uganda could best do so.

Amin met with his charge d'affaires in Washington, Musa Mohammed, and briefed him on the Ugandan-American crisis before Mohammed returned to Washington, the radio said.

Reports of widespread atrocities and murders by Ugandan troops continued to filter into Kenya from refugees, though details could not be independently verified.

One religious teacher in the army, who escaped three days ago, said he had personally seen Amin's troops round up scores of Acholi and Langi tribesmen in his barracks. (UPI, AP)

Owen pledges Britain will follow Carter's stand on human rights

LONDON. — Britain threw her full support yesterday behind President Carter's championing of human rights in the Soviet Union and elsewhere, and said the Communists must recognize this is an integral part of foreign policy in the West.

Foreign Secretary David Owen, in his first major speech since taking over as Britain's foreign policy chief on February 21, said, "We in Britain will take our stand on human rights in every corner of the globe."

His predecessor, the late Anthony Crosland gave his pledge in a speech prepared for delivery to a diplomatic and commonwealth writers' association dinner.

Owen described Carter's human rights stand as "crucially important."

Owen did not mention specifically Carter's controversial meeting this week with Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky, which sparked angry criticism by the Soviets. But he said Britain will continue to express concern about the plight of dissidents in Communist countries.

In an apparent reference to communist advances in Angola, elsewhere in Africa, and in the Middle East, Owen said the Soviets must be made to understand "the basic premise that détente is indivisible and does not stop in Europe."

"We have made it plain to the Soviet government," he said, "that the continuing credibility of détente depends on the restraint and responsibility of all states."

Owen said the final act signed at the end of the 35-nation Helsinki conference on security and cooperation in Europe in August, 1975, "demonstrates beyond any shadow of doubt that abuses of human rights, wherever they occur, are the legitimate subject of international concern."

This appeared to constitute a flat rejection of Soviet arguments that the plight of Soviet dissidents is an "internal Soviet matter" in which other countries should not meddle.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry summoned Ambassador Malcolm Toon for a discussion of Soviet concern at recent trends in Soviet-American relations this week, an American spokesman confirmed.

The Soviets have become increasingly upset with actions by President Carter and his administration in support of beleaguered Soviet dissidents.

Diplomatic sources said, however, that Toon's discussions with Georgi M. Kornienko, head of the U.S. department at the Soviet Foreign Ministry, were not confined to recent events such as President Carter's unprecedented letter to dissident activist Andrei Sakharov and his reception of Bukovsky.

The Soviet press has responded to the Carter initiative with an intensified campaign playing up real and alleged faults in American society.

Until this week's summoning of Ambassador Toon, however, the Soviet concern had not spilled over into official relations.

The Soviet press has refrained from any open criticism of President Carter thus far, apparently to avoid escalating a row over the visit of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to Moscow at the end of this month.

Vance is to exchange views with the Russian leadership on possible areas of agreement in strategic arms limitation and nuclear test ban negotiations, subjects the Soviets say far outweigh the issue of human rights. (UPI)

'People's' regime now rules Libya

TRIPOLI. — Libya abolished all existing political institutions on Wednesday, placing the country under a five-man secretariat of the newly-formed General People's Congress headed by former President Mu'amar Gaddafi, the Arab Revolution News Agency reported.

It said the country's name has been changed to People's Socialist Libyan Arab Republic. (Gaddafi says the word "Republic" has been abused.)

The secretariat, with Gaddafi as secretary-general, includes former Premier Abdessalam Jalloud and former Interior Minister Khawaldt Hemaidi, the announcement said.

It stressed 178 basic congresses will be formed throughout the country to formulate recommendations on laws, budget and internal and foreign policies, for submission to the General People's Congress.

The latter will review the recommendations and give them final shape, ARNA said. In this way, legislative and executive powers will be handed over to the masses in a charter called "People's Power."

The leaders of professional bodies, labour unions and other institutions will also present decisions and recommendations to the general congress. (AP)

Guilty plea in hijack case

NEW YORK. — A Croatian American has pleaded guilty to attempting kidnapping for his part in a hijack case which resulted in the death of a policeman who tried to defuse a bomb in a railway station.

Mark Vlasic, 29, who also faces U.S. Federal charges of air piracy, entered the plea in Manhattan Supreme Court on Wednesday. It was accepted under the condition that he also plead guilty to the hijacking charge in Federal Court. (Reuters)

IN BRIEF

Walkout perils House assassinations panel

WASHINGTON. — The chairman of a congressional committee investigating the assassinations of President John Kennedy and the Reverend Martin Luther King on Wednesday submitted his resignation in a bitter dispute that could jeopardize the whole investigation.

Democrat Henry Gonzalez told House Speaker Thomas O'Neill that he could not work with the committee's chief investigator, Richard Sprague, whom he called an "unconscionable scoundrel."

House Democratic majority leader Jim Wright of Texas has said that if Gonzalez resigned the House would vote to wind up the committee. (Renter)

Catholics clash in Paris

PARIS. — Militant Roman Catholic traditionalists occupying a Paris church clashed with regular parishioners yesterday, sending a parish priest to a hospital with injuries, police said. No other details on this skirmish were immediately available.

The traditionalists occupied the 13th century church of Saint Nicolas du Chardonnet in the Latin Quarter on Sunday, vowing to stay and pray until they got a church of their own or permission to use other Paris churches several hours daily to celebrate the Latin rite. Church authorities refused and have threatened police intervention. The traditionalists want to reinstitute Latin in the Catholic mass rather than use French. (AP)

Roger and out

MONTREAL. — A Canadian French-speaking pilot has told a government inquiry here that he flew in Quebec air space for years without understanding a word of what English-speaking air traffic controllers were telling him.

Captain Pierre Rivest said: "I would answer 'Roger' whenever they said something to me, look around for a runway which seemed to be active and land." (Reuters)

Khmers snub Opec

VIENNA. — Communist-ruled Cambodia has turned down \$3.8m. offered by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Mohammed Yeganeh of Iran, chairman of the governing committee of the Opec Special Fund, told reporters yesterday that the Cambodians had received a letter from the Khmer Republic government, which "did not express acceptance" of the Opec offer. (AP)

High tea

LONDON. — Britain's traditional drink, tea, is expected to rise by anything up to 6 pence (11s) a pound in the shops in the next six to eight months, according to many brokers' reports yesterday.

Since frosts first started to destroy Brazilian coffee plantations around 18 months ago, demand for tea has pushed prices up to around double. (UPI)



Three Western European Communist leaders — Enrico Berlinguer of Italy, left, Santiago Carrillo of Spain and Georges Marchais of France — at their news conference at the end of a two-day meeting held in Madrid yesterday. (AP)

Spanish ouster of Soviet official seen as gesture to right-wingers

MADRID. — Spain has ordered the expulsion of a Soviet official alleged to have been a spy, just three weeks after Madrid and the Kremlin reopened diplomatic relations, that had been broken for 35 years.

Wednesday night's expulsion order coincided with the end of the first day of a summit meeting of Western Europe's three leading Communist, which is providing a major show of support for the Spanish Communist Party's campaign to be made legal.

The Spanish Foreign Ministry announced that it had demanded the withdrawal of Yuri Pivovarov, a member of the Soviet trade mission here, for "activities incompatible with his official duties."

Earlier Wednesday, the Madrid afternoon newspaper "Diario 16" said Pivovarov was an agent of the KGB. He had been gathering information on Spanish industry, it said.

The expulsion, an apparent government gesture to the right wing, could upset Spanish Communists as they battle for legal status in parliamentary elections.

The allegation of Soviet espionage might revive a popular suspicion of Communists and the Soviet Union which the right-wing propaganda of the late General Franco's dictatorship fostered so assiduously, observers said.

The summit meeting, of three "Euro-Communist leaders" who say they advocate a political line independent of Moscow, is seen primarily here as a boost for the Spanish Communist Party's application to be made legal.

The meeting — attended by Spanish Communist leader Santiago Carrillo, and party leaders Georges Marchais of France and Enrico Berlinguer of Italy — had been expected to produce a defining "Euro-Communism" from the parties.

But a final document, to be after the end of the meeting, was expected to avoid an ideological clash with the bloc, particularly on the human rights.

The Spanish Communist recently stepped up their campaign against the treatment of dissidents in the Soviet Union. A tough human rights in the Soviet Union this meeting would probably Spanish party at the polls.

But it is likely that the final document will contain neutral call for the cessation of 1975 Helsinki declaration of West détente and human rights enforcement. (UPI)

Japanese terrorists yield to police, free hostages

TOKYO. — Four ultra-rightwingers were arrested early today after holding two hostages for more than 10 hours at the offices of Japan's powerful Federation of Economic Organizations, police said.

The four gave in without violence after police promised they would be treated as Samurai (warriors) and that cameramen would be kept away as they were taken into custody.

Hundreds of riot police were late yesterday swarming around the Kaidanren headquarters, but police took no immediate action because of the threat to human life.

The four men — armed with a shotgun, a pistol and a samurai sword — barged into a meeting of Japanese officials and a Brazilian commission, firing three shots.

The Brazilian was let go almost immediately, but Tetsuya Senga, Kaidanren's managing director, and three assistants were held hostage.

Seven secretaries were also briefly held but were released as soon as the four barricaded themselves in an office. No one was injured in the raid.

The raid was similar to rightist novelist Yukio Mishima's storming of Japan's army headquarters in 1970. In that raid Mishima, after haranguing the soldiers with a speech they barely understood, sliced his stomach open in a ritual suicide designed to protest Japan's anti-militarist post-war constitution.

Yesterday's raiders distributed a leaflet criticizing the evolution of Japanese society since World War II and claiming that Japan's infatuation with its economy had destroyed traditional Japanese values.

The statement cited the Lockheed scandal — in which former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka is standing trial — as an example of modern corruption in Japan. It called for a revision of Japan's anti-war constitution, abolition of the U.S.-Japan security treaty, and return of the Emperor to his previous status. (Prior to the war, Emperor Hirohito was considered a god.)

The statement concluded with "Tenno Heika Banzai" (Long Live the Emperor), Japan's World War II battle cry.

Witnesses quoted the rightists as yelling "we will die, we are not scared of death" as they burst into the Kaidanren offices. (UPI)

Smith may resort to new election

SALISBURY. — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher met yesterday with tribal chiefs to discuss his black majority rule in Rhodesia within two years.

The move follows the loss of 12 of Smith's 49 members of parliament who rebelled in his proposed sacking of his cabinet.

The revolt, coupled with a motion by 12 of the 16 black MPs in the 66-member house in favor of the draft laws, will be defeated in the current session.

But ignoring the right-wing who are against any easing laws, Smith was talking to chiefs as part of an initial negotiation an internal constitutional settlement with black leaders.

Party insiders suggested day that to avert a widening of the government, the prime minister might soon call an election.

One government source said Smith was confident a new party, shedding the right-wing that has held power since 1965, would win major port from the voters.

Smith's goal, rejected by wing rebels in the Rhodesia is to dismantle racist laws in confidence of the 6.4 million before seeking a power transition with moderates leaders.

Boeing being probed for 'payoffs'

WASHINGTON. — The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating Boeing Co. for alleged payoffs to officials in the governments of Canada, Portugal, Egypt and Venezuela, and 48 international airlines.

Court records made public specifically identified purchase agreements between Boeing and the "Canadian Government," "Government of Egypt," "Portuguese Air Force" and "Government of Venezuela."

The sources said "Japan" referred to Japan Air Lines, which purchased at least 14 Boeing 727s and 747s between 1966 and 1974.

The U.S. Appeals Court has ordered a list of 180 purchase agreements involving 32 Boeing customers to be made public. But the court said the identities of 18 Boeing consultants, including a prince, should remain secret.

A Boeing spokesman in Seattle said: "An inquiry such as the current SEC investigation is likely to prompt unwarranted speculation about the involvement of anyone named in connection with it. No inference is warranted in the ease of these purchase agreements."

The spokesman said Boeing has supplied all information requested by the SEC and will continue to do so in the interest of an early conclusion of the investigation.

Boeing is the world's largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners. The Seattle-based company allegedly made \$77m. in questionable payments starting in 1971.

The alleged Canadian payoffs reportedly were made in connection with the sales of \$44.8m. worth of aircraft to that nation.

Among the airlines which allegedly received payoffs from Boeing are those of Argentina, Brazil, India, Libya and the Sudan. (UPI)

New guide to nostalgic Nuremberg

NUREMBERG. — After three decades of soft-peddaling Nuremberg's Nazi past, local officials have issued a tourist guide for the buildings and grounds of Hitler's Third Reich.

"We found that many people came here and kept asking us where the buildings of the Third Reich are. We couldn't just tell them there aren't any or send them off without information," said the municipal cultural adviser, Hermann Glaser.

"There are many foreigners and even Germans who ask us, 'Where's the concentration camp?' although we've never had one here," said a spokesman at the city news office.

The brochure was compiled to counteract the birth of such legends. It is designed to put things in their right perspective.

Nuremberg has gloried in being the birthplace of artist Albrecht Durer, the home of the Meistersingers in the 16th and 18th centuries and the Gothic architecture that the World War II bombers didn't destroy. But officials omitted reference to such facts of history as the Nuremberg Race Laws, drawn up in a 1935 Nazi Party congress here, which deprived Jews of German citizenship, decreed "protection of the German blood" and served as a legal basis for the mass extermination of Jews.

"We cannot free Nuremberg of its guilt, but we also cannot continue to let the city serve as a scapegoat," said Glaser, who wrote the introduction in the 14-page illustrated brochure. "This city... had its share of the blame. Thirty years later we want to set the facts."

The brochure shows the Reichparteitagsgelände, the buildings and grounds Hitler ordered built so that Nazi Party congresses and mass rallies could be held in Nuremberg "for all time."

Some of the "eternal" structures survived the war but now are weather-beaten. U.S. troops used the parade grounds of Zeppelinfeld for a sports arena. The U.S. Air Force used the great street as a runway. Now it is a parking lot for the city fairgrounds.

A 400,000-seat German stadium was to be built nearby, but work never got beyond the excavation stage. The huge hole filled with rain and ground water and sank.

The Allies chose Nuremberg for the war crimes trials of and sentenced 12 of them. The last stop on the march is the Palace of Justice, where 200 Germans were tried in room 600 between Nov. 1945 and April 1949.

"Today this courtroom is used as a court of law," the brochure says.

Newspaper reception brochure was mixed.

"Courageous, yes, but a bit weird," said the middle-aged "Nuremberger Nachrichten" is interested in these relics.

"A city wants to free itself from the past," said the "Frankfurter Rundschau" the brochure "remarkably... The city government... 5,000 German-language... been going quickly to... and schools. Five thousand English are being... American tourists at Nuremberg."

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Knesset at last finds honest way of raising money

By NERO TASINAR
Jerusalem Psst Knesset Reporter

The controversial "bed tax" amendment to the Party Financing Law passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday. It now goes to the sub-committee, where it will be prepared for its second and final vote.

Details of the revolutionary legislation were given to *The Jerusalem Psst* by sub-committee chairman Nimrod "72939" Gan-Av. Gan-Av's digital nickname, as set postal officials say, is really a secret account number at Meisehachassagenayveshaft AG Zurich.

Gan-Av explained: "The so-called 'bed tax' bill is formally titled 'amendment number 3,154 to the Party Financing Law of 1973. Having been deeply involved in fraud and debt, a group of MKs decided the only decent way to raise money was to impose a party financing tax on foreign tourists."

Thus, every visitor from abroad who stays in a hotel, and who adds to his bill, cumulative for each night, a sum of 100 sheqels for every bed-night occupancy for duration of his stay in this country. Naturally, the tourist will have to designate which party is to receive his compulsory benefac-

The precise rate of the political tax is 23.54 per cent of the price of a bed-night (bed and breakfast) at a four- or five-star hotel. The creeping devaluation creep during a tourist's stay, the tax is calculated according to the rate quoted him on the day he booked in.

This accommodation was inserted in the bill at the insistence of the Rights Movement. The proposed amendment was finally put forth as a five-sponsor (Alignment) private members' bill. However, when it was realized the sole intention of the bill was

to raise cash for parties at no expense to themselves, 115 additional MKs applied for listing as co-sponsors.

Most political observers yesterday agreed that the wide sponsorship should ensure passage of the bill. Nevertheless, complications could occur. *The Psst* was told by a reliable source who refused to be identified.

"It could happen," he said, "that on the day of the third reading vote 119 MKs would be in Zurich or Vaduz, and the sole remaining legislator either is in the Knesset cafeteria ripping away at a turkey leg, or detained somewhere helping the police with some financial problem."

Reactions to the bed tax bill yesterday were mixed:

- Tourism Minister Yossi Kroll: "It will hurt tourism. As it is, we are an expensive country to visit. Nevertheless, I will back the bill if Conservative and Reform Jewish tourists are exempted from the tax."
- Hotel Association secretary Vance Overhook: "The bill discriminates against normal people. People who sleep on the beaches at Eilat and elsewhere will get the best deal of all — no bed, so no bed tax, absurd!"
- Likud chief, Menashe Fagin: "The first wise step by the ruling Alignment faction in four years... the best element of the bill is that it will mean more money, money, money, money, money..."
- Estella Garelitz (Alignment): "Of course, I will vote for it, since I'm one of the sponsors. But my conscience itches. Why should our fine socialist friends, including members of organized Christian holy pilgrimages, be forced to support corrupt political parties? And this idea of a 'dawn political upan' is really wild."

(Mrs. Garelitz was referring to the section in the bill which specifies

how a tourist would go about designating the beneficiary party for his tax. Tourists unable to read Hebrew — language of the party propaganda brochures — would be compelled to attend a daily early morning (pre-breakfast) political upan, to hear a description of the Israel parties and their platforms from authorized spokesmen.

Tourists refusing to attend the two-hour class will be denied breakfast and/or he asked to leave the country on the next flight to their home country.

• Shuwami Olney (CRM): "Even a fool understands the bill is illegal, stupid, vile, scurrilous, disgusting, unwise, dirty, defamatory and bad for Israel's image as a shining democracy in a sea of Middle Eastern feudalism. However, it will bring in some money to all party coffers, including mine, so I shall reluctantly vote for it."

This reporter decided to get some tourists' opinions on the draft legislation requiring foreign visitors to finance Israel party politics.

— Olaf Gaffelbitter (Norway) at the King David Hotel: "I'm all for the Gahal wing of the Likud, especially Geula Cohen. I have always respected brunettes."

— Juan Chen Yin (Japan), a member of the Makoya Sect, at the Central Hotel: "If Poale Aguda and Aguda break up, the Messiah will be delayed. Why can't Porush and Lorinez make up, damn it!"

— Harriet Cohen-Goldberg (Brooklyn) at the Plaza: "After a million bucks every year to UJA and two million in Bonds for each grandchild, who in the heck cares about a puny 22 per cent hotel bill tax, if it will make you Israelis happy! Here, here's a blank cheque I've had my husband sign. Make it out to any party you wish, to any sum. May God bless all my dear brethren in Israel: Shalom, Kol Hakavod, Haim: Hava Nagila, Hevelinu Shalom, Am Yisrael, Hi!"



Knesset Members follow yesterday's bed-tax vote with their typical rapt interest — and incidentally demonstrate a possible way of avoiding the new levy. (Rahmann Yardeni)

Abin joins DMC; Yadin to Labour; Novaks - Novak join Jerusalem Psst Aguda merges with Rakah in Left-Right Front

By SHALOM BEN ZION COHEN

The election campaign limps along, more attention is being paid to the unprecedented upsurge of roots citizen activism. Party members are now openly admitting the dramatic growth of citizening, the pressure groups, could up final formulation of their platforms.

Yesterday, clusters of grass-roots lobbyists could be seen lapel-pinning posters of the Knesset, and there lobbyists, joined by sat sunning themselves in deck on the Knesset esplanade. citizen lobbyists, of newer groups, could be seen dangle between the colonades.

Recently reorganized lobby, the White Front, occupied its corner on the stone-paved at. On the other side, sat proudly under a sun parasol, religious lobby, as old as the Centre Force, a constate of middlemen, import rampists, distributors and more. The "success story" of lobbyist movement, they smiled as stewards served drinks.

Political Claret looking down the flat roof of the Knesset told *Jerusalem Psst*: "It's only fair, all this, considering social issues are supposed to ate the elections — whatever thinks." The scene below was ant movement as new lobbyists and others left, tripping and in courtly quadrille. We es- the arrival of a newly gamated group, in shabbat, the United Matza Makers and liers League for Secure ers, campaigning for bigger off- subsidies.

cluding the independents, he compelled to register by law, and he wants to form a roof-organization for all lobbyist pressure groups.

But he acknowledges that gains have been made. One party has amended its platform from "No inch of territories" to "No metre of territories and an inch more of cost-of-living allowance." Another party has altered its ideological platform to "Agreed voluntary compulsory unbinding arbitrational mediation of labour disputes, and compromise on all territories including the Bahamas."

Meanwhile, or in the meantime, yordim in the U.S. are understood to be forming a lobby including two main election planks — a project of twinning of cities, and the right to vote in the elections. An untapped source for the parties, this inchoate lobby calls itself "Diaspora on the Way."

Faid lifts for hitch-hikers, through the National Insurance Institute, has become a rallying point for the much-missed lacuna — a motorists lobby.

The White Panther movement, a loose compendium of disgruntled Ashkenazim, is negotiating with other minority groups, *inter alia* the Lost Ten Tribes, Betar Yerushalayim, and a newly arrived group from the Appalachians.

Marginal "eccentric" lobbying groups continue to mushroom and, besides the Early Mushroom Pickers for a Beautiful Israel, the latest citizen groups include the Ideological parlour circle for the Rationalization of Protetzia, the Jebusites, Jewish Agency and Moonlighters against Double Taxation. The Government and Tea Makers want recognition as an essential service.

Mergers *a la mode*, there was the new federated group Blue Tape, of national and regional bureaucrats and receptionists which boasts to be the "Movement of the Future" with heraldic coat of arms, a tortoise

avaunt on a field of sludge with Aramic legend "Come back tomorrow."

A spokesman of the Egged National Interest lobby cooed optimistically: "This time we'll get at least a Deputy Minister in the Transport Ministry."

The Press lobby teetered nervously at the iron-wrought gates. A delegation in an off-the-record statement solicited all the parties to announce in advance their quota of scandals for the next four years. A silver-haired editor, accompanied by a grey-haired correspondent, confessed worriedly: "We can't demand efficiency from others only. Charity begins at home."

But — not all is sunshine in lobbyland, according to old-timer ideologue Pinhas Pulator. "Women's Lih, okay," he said, vielhy disturbed — i.e. dabbing his low forehead on the sunwashed Knesset roof — by the *laxsez faire* below. Emotionally upset by the Fiat Felsel movement and Betar Yerushalayim and breathing heavily, he told us to write: "The lobbyist movement is an expression of genuine authentic grass-roots participatory democracy — the only one in the Middle East, including Oman."

Below, a lobbyist of a development suburb of North Tel Aviv scratched himself, assisted by a Knesset backbencher and a member of the prestigious Blue and White Cartel Price Fixing Unity group. A Filipino steward freshened the drinks.

We were joined by the authoritative Political Circle himself on the flat roof. Excuse me, we said timorously, what's new with the Circle of Citizens Who Don't Belong to Any Group. A shaft of sunlight, cathedral-like, suddenly fingered the flat roof, and blinned a luminescent halo around the earth-lined head of the Circle. In some ancient tongue, an oracular exorcistic voice spoke through the circle. He trembled and his eyes whitened. "Cripples. There are drivers, and there are passengers. We are one people. Praise be."

CORRECTION
The article in this week's Magazine entitled "I Knew Carlos," by Shlomo Hillel should, of course, be "I Knew Shlomo Hillel," by Carlos.



THIS EARLY photograph of the boy who was to become supreme ruler of the Land of the Nile and parts of Sinai was discovered in the Genizah Archives in the British Museum and extracted, rather cunningly we thought, by our London correspondent Luke Shahaf.

New power on world scene Omec gets into action

Jerusalem Psst Diplomatic and Economic Reporters

THE AUTHORITIES are about to reveal the boldest yet action taken against Arab economic pressures, the crushing answer to the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries — Opec — that has long dominated the international economic and political scene.

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Stock market analysts predict a bright future for the Organization of Mezuzah Exporting Countries.

By ANN ARCHY, PSST Labour Pain Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The carefully-nurtured chaos of Israel's economy was threatened again yesterday as several new labour disputes began spreading across the land.

In the most serious development, the Amalgamated Kibbutz-Sabbat Union lay down its scoops until negotiations are resumed with the chick-pes farmers. "The fat is in the fire," said Kibbutz head Itzik Kadouri. "No more kibbutz until our demands are met. And mind you — we're not after more money. It's just the principle of the thing." The kibbutz-farmers reportedly are holding out for some IL300 worth of principles per month.

In what could be an equally serious strike, IDF tank-drivers yesterday called a one-month work stoppage, idling the entire nation's armoured divisions from the Hermon to Sharm el-Sheikh. Defence Minister and Number One Sore Loser Shimon Peres told the press yesterday: "It's nothing to be alarmed about. Management can keep the tanks rolling with no problems. Of course — and this is off the record, fellas — should the other side hear about this — well, we're in a mess."

Elsewhere on the labour front:

- Kupat Holim doctors have laid down their stethoscopes, declaring they have run out of patients.
- Kupat Holim patients have laid down their bed pans, claiming they have run out of doctors.
- Jerusalem's beggars have up-ended their tin cups in a demand for more sympathy.
- Tel Aviv's heggars are also reportedly refusing donations, in sympathy with the Jerusalem beggar sympathy strike.
- The Netanyahu symphony orchestra is refusing to strike up the band in sympathy with the Tel Aviv sympathy.

In last week's Magazine section, the headline to Haim Shapiro's Culinary Notes should have read Carp en Cafe and not Carbon Copy, although we are not sure which would taste better.

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Mother tells all Sadat's secret rocks Mid-East

By WOLF BLIZZARD, Jerusalem Psst Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The diplomatic community was all agog yesterday following the startling revelation by columnists Evans and Novak that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is Jewish.

"Yeah, it's true," said Mrs. Sadie Sadowsky, the Egyptian leader's mother, who was recently discovered working in a Brooklyn delicatessen. "He's always asked me to keep it quiet, but I don't know — since there's been so much talk about a Middle East peace settlement this year — well, I thought maybe it would help if the truth were known. Did I do something wrong?"

State Department officials yesterday declined to comment, although one official who refused to be named told this reporter: "Frankly, we always sort of suspected something. Those beady little eyes. That Semitic nose. You know?"

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance confirmed that, during his recent visit to Egypt, everyone in his party had remarked on Sadat's obvious reluctance to mix meat and milk. "That and the JNF tree certificates on the wall of Jshann's swaying room," Vance said. "That made us a little suspicious."

President Carter reportedly told his cabinet yesterday that "a fellow got a right to be whatever he wants, even Jewish," but that this development "could complicate an already complicated Middle East situation." Carter reportedly said it was "easier" when Sadat was not Jewish.

White House Spokesman Jody Powell was overheard to remark: "Personally, I always thought little Anwar had nigra blood — you know, a little touch of the tsrbush under his

barboosh. So he's a Yid, eh? Well, where's he goin' get his oil now? From Standard of New Jersey, I reckon."

Following the extraordinary report yesterday and Sadat's subsequent breakdown in Cairo's Great Mosque, where he led his congregation in a Sephardi rendition of "Eli, Eli," this reporter sought a reaction from the PLO observer at the UN. "This is not the sort of thing which advances the Palestinian cause," the observer observed.

Spokesmen at the Israel embassy here declined to confirm reports that Sadat has contacted them in reference to aliya. "A two-and-a-half room flat awaits them in Afula," a spokesman said, "but so far no official request has been received. The chief rabhinat assures us that, as with any Jew born abroad, conversion will be relatively simple to arrange."

Ambassador Simha Dinits' only comment was: "Who?"

Meanwhile, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who has just been signed by a major television network to do the live commentary for World War III, which is scheduled to be held next summer, discounted the story about Sadat. "Pooh-pooh," he said. "Sadat is a former shuttle diplomat, whom Sadat always referred to as 'My brother Henry.' 'Just a bobbe meise,' he told this reporter."

Und so weiter und so weiter. Gemuetlichkeit. Ich hat' einen Kameraden. Roeslein, Roeslein, Roeslein rot. Ich habe, du hast, er hat, wir haben, ihr habt, sie haben. Wunderbar.

Weltanschauung. Ich bin ein Berliner. Mein Herr, gnaedige Frau. Schlaf, mein Prinzchen, schlaf ein. Ich liebe dich.

Bitte schoen, danke schoen. Nicht wahr? Pumpernickel. Gretchen am Spinnrade. Kreuzhimmeldonnerwetterhoehimal.

Oi weh is mir.



U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife Natrel surrounded by guests at the annual garden party given on the White House Lawn for the Daughters of the Revolution. (AP/Globe service)

Commerce Ministry slashes prices Big reduction in bicycle pumps

Bicycle pumps will from the end of next season be lowered in price by three per cent, the Minister of Commerce announced yesterday at a specially-convened press conference.

At the same time, he said, because of circumstances entirely beyond the Ministry's control and having something to do with the revolt in the southern Philippines, the Ministry has been compelled as

of this morning to raise the price of bicycle pump handles by 75 per cent, of bicycle pump connecting tubes by 420 per cent and of bicycle pump nozzles by 840 per cent.

CORRECTION
The clues to the New York Times crossword in today's issue were inadvertently transposed for a section of the Tel Aviv Stocks report which appears in the Bridge Column in place of a number of lines erroneously transferred to the Leader instead of a (particularly resounding) paragraph which found its way to the Second Hand section of the Classified Ads which lost the equivalent lines to the Telereview from Nob. We apologise to any of our readers who found today's issue more confusing than normal.

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SOLDIER!
Can you imagine what it feels like to drive along a road empty but for soldiers?
DON'T NUDNIK

Two-day Deal
Head Cook and
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Founded in 1948 by MORRIS GREENGLASS who was editor until 1952.
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This space presented by the Opticians Association.

THE NEWSROOM OF The Jerusalem Psst at the peak of the hectic evening hours as the next morning's paper is being compiled.

Who reads the Psst?

We are proud to be the first and only newspaper to offer our readers results of *The Jerusalem Psst* Readership Survey, released last week.

The survey, which is 1,922 pages long, is based on intensive interviews conducted for *The Psst* by the Popular Poll Inc. of Ramallah. All in all 11 people were interviewed, four of whom have seen the *Psst* on occasion, and three of whom have actually read the paper on occasion, and two of whom can't read.

Each interviewee was asked to complete an initial 227-page questionnaire, pertaining to his eating habits, his sleeping habits, his general habits, his background, his foreground, his wife's eating habits, his wife's sleeping habits, his wife's general habits, his wife's background and his wife's foreground.

In a case where the interviewee was not married, (34,782 per cent) he was asked to answer for his potential wife (suitable introductions were made). Each interviewee was also asked to complete a shortened form on each of his children. In a case where the interviewee had no children (41,389 per cent), he was asked to complete the form based on his knowledge of either the neighbour's children, or his potential children if he were capable (97,867 per cent), technically, of having them.

The second stage of the survey was a 992-page questionnaire prepared by the Popular Poll Inc. of Ramallah and the Bethlehem County Library, in conjunction with the Institute for Germanic Studies at the University of Jerusalem (Talpiot Branch), dealing with the interviewees' reading habits.

Of those polled, 48,378 per cent had no reading habits. Of the remainder, 67.23 per cent had limited reading habits and of the remainder 41,789 per cent wished they had reading habits.

Of those who have reading habits 23.78 per cent said they read the *Psst* with "continued regularity" (the definition being equal to 24 points on the Ribbler Scale) of the remainder, 56.23 per cent said they read the *Psst* with "sporadic regularity" (or equal to 19.23 on the Ribbler Scale).

Only 23,978 per cent of those polled said they read page six of the paper, while an unexpected 89,237 per cent said they actually read page one of the paper.

Some Briefs:

- 33.98 per cent of readers claim to have suffered mild stomach irritation as a result of the cooking column.
- 63.97 per cent are satisfied with the credibility of the Television and Radio guide.
- 97.45 per cent feel they could write better editorials.

• 89.97 per cent feel that the Readers' Letters Column is by far the best written section of the paper.

• 78.43 per cent thought that Dry Bones was a skeleton in someone's closet.

• 89.43 per cent said they were satisfied with the accuracy of the advertising.

• 43.43 per cent thought that the *Psst* was translated from "Ma'ariv," while 49.83 per cent thought that it was translated from "Yediot Ahronot." The remainder were convinced that the *Psst* was a translation of "Letzte Nyess."

The compilers of this report realise that its accuracy is questionable in that only .0023978 per cent of the paper's readers were actually surveyed, but despite this they feel that the following conclusions can be drawn:

- That *The Jerusalem Psst* is the preferred paper of fishermen at almost all of Israel's better markets.
- That almost all the country's Dachsbunds prefer the *Psst* to any other morning paper on which to conduct their business.
- The hook review section is highly appreciated by 51.56 per cent of macramé specialists in the country.
- 87.97 per cent of the staff of Popular Poll Inc. of Ramallah appreciate the profound good judgment of the editors of the paper.

A typical reader of, and a typical reaction to, *The Jerusalem Psst*.

Rye Scones

NO NEWS TODAY? WHAT DO WE DO?

LET'S DO A CARTOON WITHOUT ANY POINT!

WHO'LL NOTICE?

Chess / May Tinto

Problem 27901
A.B.C. Cohen, Chesspake Bay
Chess News, 1871

White given 17 minutes to find out what happened to all the other pieces.

An interesting situation arose in the course of an Imperial Masters Tournament Games in Nairobi between Idi Amin Zeide and Joe Cohenyatta.

Amin Zeide

Cohenyatta

The problem being who makes the first move.

Results of the Chesshire tourney, 1977: Giorgio Cohen, Italy, 11 pts; Fritz Cohen, W. Germany, 10½; Andrew Cohen, Scotland, 10; Aboulafia Cohen, Spain, 9½; Wladyslaw Cohen, Poland, 9; Pedro Cohen, Costa Rica, 8½; Joop van den Cohen, Holland, 8; The Cohen, Norway, 7½; Sir Reginald Guy d'Alais Cedric Cohen, England, 7; Yoshio Cohenoto, Japan, 6½; Ilutich Djagamagadagashvili, Israel, 6.

Or, how about making your very own chemical make up? Here's a tried and true recipe, known to the Chinese, introduced by the Arabs to Europe in the 16th century, where it had an explosive effect on men:

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Raising parents can be fun

BRAWL IN THE FAMILY / L.N.B. Harassed

This week Dr. Harassed, *The Jerusalem Psst's* psychologist and family counsellor, takes up readers' questions on the perennial problems of parent-rearing.

Dear Dr. H. My father habitually reads his newspaper at the breakfast table. This is most annoying to the rest of the family, who must shout above the headlines to get their attention for bus money, lunch money, shopping money and other such sundries. Is father trying to avoid us? What can be done?

Reading at the breakfast table (also known as the *petite de journal* complex, or alternately the *Reader's Digest* syndrome) is clearly a manifestation of psychological stress. Our current precarious national situation brings on this daily newspaper neurosis. Be assured that father is not willfully ignoring his family, and is no doubt unaware of his anti-social behaviour. But the behaviour must be brought to his attention in a pointed though subtle manner. A symbolic demonstration of your annoyance may be obtained by igniting a little lighter fluid along the classifieds. You may also try attracting Dad's attention with a sharp karate blow through the financial section.

Dear Dr. H. My parents are so grouchy all the time they are getting almost impossible to live with. What's causing this?

Grouchiness (and its related syndromes, Harpiness, Cheekiness, and sometimes Zeppiness) is generally caused by stress. One of the commonest causes of stress in Israel is simply the small size of the typical flat. People must have territory, and that is imperative. Check if your parents are feeling cramped (you can do this by pacing off their territorial *balatoli*). If, as in most cases, you have one parent of each sex, their moodiness may arise from their having to share a single bedroom. Grown parents of opposite sexes should never be permitted to share a bedroom. This can only lead to further stress.

Dear Dr. H. My mother beats me for wetting my bed. What can I do about this mania of hers?

Your mother's mania, or more properly, phobia (hydrophobia), is indeed a mania. Why not try wetting her bed for a change? She'll probably be delighted to have you go back to wetting your own.

Dear Dr. H. My father doesn't confide in me. He is secretive about financial matters, saying such things should not be my concern. Is he right?

A parent may frequently be older than his child, but he is never right. Dad's secretiveness is a sign of insecurity, brought on by psychological stress (see my new book, *Stress - Vote Yes! Stress Press*, Strausburg). At any rate, an honest approach with a retentive parent is usually fruitless; a direct question like, "Dad, just how much are you funneling into Party coffers from your office?" is invariably met with stony silence. Better to enlighten yourself about father's finances by going through his wallet at night while he's asleep. And since as a child you are forever being denied your full liberties, take the liberty of helping yourself to whatever you want from the wallet.

Dear Dr. H. While going through my father's wallet the other night, I came across a tiny black notebook in a secret compartment. It contains phone numbers and weird code-words like "Lambikins" and "Ginsburg's sec'y to the big jugs." Should I show this suspicious document to the police?

No, don't flunk to the fuzz, that's terribly Oedipal and could lead to stress. Why not just show the little black notebook to Mom? Breakfast-time is as good as any. Just watch Dad's newspaper curl.

Dear Dr. H. Sabra parents are notorious for their boorish behaviour, and children are obligated to teach them some manners, wouldn't you agree? What to do, for example, about a thoughtless grown-up who snatches a breakfast roll for himself without first passing around the basket, as common courtesy dictates?

Even the smallest forms of anti-social behaviour must be dealt with promptly and directly. If Dad thoughtlessly seizes a roll, you must immediately take it away from him (this is called roll reversal). Nor should you ever coddle a greedy grand-parent. A *santa* who insists on helping herself to the choicest bits of herring must be shown - with affection but firmly - that such behaviour is both naughty and unacceptable. Substituting critic vinegar and scouring cleanser for the water in granny's overnight denture glass will have a remarkable effect on her appetite in the morning.

Dear Dr. H. My parents are ruining their minds watching television all the time. Why is this?

Like most problems - inflation, racism, black money, war, and the declining quality of locally produced halva - television addiction (or as it is also called, watching too much TV) arises from inadequate toilet training (what's expected, stress?). Next time you take a train, therefore, lock the offenders in the toilet. If toilet training doesn't help, try basic training. If Dad has already had his basic training, write to his commanding officer, and volunteer him for extra annual reserve duty. Meanwhile, write a mash note to Mom's favourite garage mechanic so you can get something started there. The important thing is to get your parents out of the house. Parents need more varied interests in their mean little lives. Home is no place for parents anyway. Get them out on the street where they belong.

PSSTSCRIPTS

THE AGE OF chivalry is not dead, at least not in Ramat Hasharon. A correspondent reports a heart-warming incident from there. An elderly lady who looked as though she might have been a visitor from the U.S., was hesitating at the edge of the busy highway apparently wanting to cross and being a little timid of the heavy traffic. Two brawny young men each took an elbow and steered her to the other and quieter side of the road. They did not even wait for her grateful thanks, but hastened off. In doing so, one of them accidentally tripped the old lady up and the other forgot to return her gesture was in no whit lessened by these mischances.

IT IS MOST heart-warming in the midst of our daily grudge to receive a heart-warming letter from a warm friend in a hot clime. A warm friend in a hot clime, away from these wintry shores, other day I was handed a letter marked Lumumba, whereby writer expresses his heart-thanks for the warm help given by this paper in his efforts to English. He writes: "Thanks for the warm help given by your paper in my efforts to English."

Such a sweet letter. Our heart-thanks are due to the authorities in various countries having delivered the letter to us. Although it was clearly addressed: "The Times," London.

READERS' LETTERS

Amo, Amas, Amidar

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Psst* Sir, - When we asked the manager of the Atula branch of Amidar for the price of the flat we are renting (with an option to buy), we were told that this price had not been fixed yet. That was in August. Every three or four weeks we returned to the office and left with the same answer: "You must be patient, the price has not yet been determined." On January 4, we were finally given the price: IL195,000. It turns out, that there was a price in November, and it was IL165,000. On January 1 the price was increased by 20 per cent.

I don't know whether the manager deliberately withheld the information, or what, but the fact is that I am being asked to pay IL192,000 more than I should.

Is this the way to encourage aliyah?

GEORGE RABINOWITZ

Atula

Amidar replies:

Mr. Rabinowitz apparently thinks that every one is out of step, but George, you're wrong. We live in an inflationary economy, with all that that implies. And while we are here to help the new immigrant adjust, believe me, our patience is sometimes sorely tried.

AL TISHAL, Spokesman

AT THE CINEMA / Carl E. Bach

Kissinger miscast in court-Jew role

The Film of Esther, or How Poorim Really Got Its Name. Starring Henry Kissinger. Directed by Carlo Gompotti.

Last night the long-awaited Hollywood version of the Book of Esther had its Megilla World Premiere at the Bijou Cinema in downtown Mitpe Ramon. There was standing room only. Even this reviewer had some difficulty in finding a seat, since the theatre's management removed them all in order to accommodate more people.

Once again the Bible is the source of still another Hollywood debacle. The Book of Esther, long acclaimed one of the world's finest short stories, a caucase *caucase*, and therefore always a best-seller in the month of Adar, had until recently been completely neglected by the film industry. After last night it is expected that the neglect will continue.

Henry Kissinger, in his film debut, plays Mordechai. He was in attendance for the world premiere, and in an exclusive interview he told *The Jerusalem Psst* (and "Davar", "Ha'aretz" etc.) "It was Liz Taylor, who last year while we were lodging at the King David together, told me a natural for the film was." It was also learned that no other name actors could be afforded for this production, because Henry's fee was so astronomically high.

Anyway, the story opens with Haman in a slow march up the galleys (50 cubits high in the book, but somewhat lower in the film) steps, uttering those immortal words, "Villany of villainy villainy." In a flashback E mind states the events that led him to his present, and rather deserved, position. This all is one of the opening scenes of Orson Welles film, but I remember which one a Jerusalem Archives lost the Welles film.

Haman's thoughts reveal Vashiti intimating to him, that King Ahasuerus isn't used to her, and that she, Vashiti, loves him, Haman. She is she refuses to see that brute again. Meanwhile Mordechai, unaware of all this hanky-panky sitting at the king's gate. It explained to the viewers who sitting there...

Under Gompotti's direction the film completely strokes of genius in the whole. Henry Kissinger's role as Mordechai was a natural that she should discovered him.

In all my film reviews, I try to point out the philosophical existentialist within the celluloid. I incubated heavily on the set as I was able to penetrate into the of the visual mirage before me.

Finally, in all modesty I am unworthy of me to pass judge the year's worst film, so I humbly refrain from doing so. This film is a must for Kiss fans.

Do your lipstick?

YOU TOO can look like this after a going-over by our staff beautician.

WHO WAS that lady with egg on her face? And how can she afford it? As the price of eggs, avocados, lemons and lehen shoots ever upwards as subsidies hit the dust, I see a trend back to "false" cosmetics, and away from the "natural."

No more buying an avocado, mixing it with a dash of lemon and a couppon of cream cheese; keep all that for the dining-room or kitchen - if you can afford to buy it at all.

From now on, "chemical" make up is back; it's cheaper, it's healthier (who wants to look like Mahane Yehuda at 2 on a Friday afternoon?), and what's more, chemicals are good for you. After all, what happened to grandmother, whom we've all been copying in our search for cosmetics in the kitchen? She's dead, isn't she? And what about mother, who kept firmly on the path of Rubinstein, of Revlon, of Quant and Avon? She's alive and talking. In more cases than not, so forget about smearing your face with orange juice, cider vinegar, honey, cucumber and mint. Save it for where it belongs. And instead, feed your face with up-to-the-moment, cheaper-than-fresh-food, chemical products - mixed in clean laboratories, tested by chemists, packaged in plastic - and all this still costing less than a pannet of strawberries.

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Another cute kid picture to plug a hole on the page.

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The last word in the article on the Future of the Jewish Agency in this week's Magazine should be not "bang" but "whimper."

★ Nahum David Gross disclaims all responsibility for this leaf but he doesn't expect to get away with it. ★ He paid no attention whatsoever to the advice tendered by Matt. ★ He was conspired against and sabotaged all

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★ Will J.B., whose ads have been appearing in this paper for the last seven months, please come to our office to settle his account. Halush Hapash.

★ Sabra, 26, interested in meeting gorgeous, well-built and not overly-bright blonde, preferably with own car and flat. Will consider divorce if blonde has immigrant's rights. Box 6789

★ Plain-faced, uninteresting, socially awkward young man whom no one wants, willing to meet anybody. Box 8396

★ You tend to breathe through your mouth, you jiggle your foot when your knees are crossed, and you talk over the television. Personal enough?

★ Fun-loving couple interested in meeting same for stimulating entertainment. Bridge players need not apply. Box 1234

★ Beethelstein baby grand. Flat 2, 88 Ivory Coast St. E. Yovel, J'lem

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Return of the yored's son

By LOUIS RAPOPORT

MILITARY SERVICE is said to be the reason why many people leave Israel and also the major reason why they don't come back. But there are exceptions.

After two weeks of reserve duty, Zvi finally gets a positive response from one of his fellow *milushim*. "You came back from America? Kol hakavod!" Most of the others say he must be crazy and they mean it.

At first Zvi gives rather ordinary reasons for his return to Israel. Then, the real and unexpected reason emerges: he came back to do his army service.

Zvi's family left Israel when he was 12 years old and settled in Los Angeles, where they ran an old age home. Zvi was brought up like other kids in Southern California, and became a self-described "sports freak," a thoroughly Americanized high-school football star. But his English was always a handicap — he still has an Israeli accent. Nor is he a master of his native Hebrew — his fellow sahras detect a limited vocabulary and a slight foreign accent concealed in his rapid speech.

When he came to California, he didn't know a word of English; but a teacher at his junior high school in the middle-class neighbourhood of Baldwin Hills took a special interest in Zvi, and tried to help his "absorption."

But he started out way behind, and he could never catch up. A series of "oldies but goodies" played on the Army radio station led Zvi into recollections of the rock and roll music that his California classmates loved so much. Richie Valens, Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper made music that became the sweet, corny social glue that held Zvi's generation together.

But the young kid from Israel felt even more of an outsider because he didn't really know this music. He poured his energy into sports: basketball, baseball and mostly, football; and he became a varsity linebacker on the high school team — a tough position in a mean sport. This was the great achievement of his life.

He was a non-academic business

administration major, and continued until he was well into his twenties at San Fernando State college, where he also played some football.

"There were lots of Jews there, and a couple of hundred Israeli students; but that's where I ran into real anti-Semitism for the first time," Zvi says. "I heard things from fellow students like 'If you don't behave, we'll put you in the ovens,' or 'I hope that Arabs kick the shit out of you.' It was all said in a kind of joking tone, which only made it worse."

"I wasn't a 'practising' Israeli, I never thought about it up until that time, didn't even know I could buy *Matzot* on Fairfax Avenue until some Israeli students told me." He didn't belong to any organization and had no links with religion. But he went to hear Rabbi Meli Kahane speak at his college, and later, he went to a JDL-sponsored rally held in the heart of Los Angeles "Borscht Belt."

"There were three older people standing next to me, very upset about Kahane and the rally. They were Auschwitz survivors, and this fact somehow shocked me — my parents who fled from Czechoslovakia to Palestine, never talked about the Holocaust and I didn't know much about it," Zvi says.

"My parents also didn't talk much about their years in Israel. They were members of a religious kibbutz, where my father was a top mechanic. They moved later to Snel Brak, and finally left Israel in 1957."

My father was influenced by his two elder brothers, both of whom had gone to America from Czechoslovakia. They were successful in business and would send money to my folks — they thought we lived in tents."

Zvi's mother did not want to leave — "she loved Israel" — but his father was "fed-up" and felt that he wasn't getting anywhere.

"I was 12 years old, but I knew I didn't want to leave either. I tried to run away from the boat — two policemen grabbed me and dragged



me back. My parents only told me and my two sisters that we were going to America 48 hours before our departure. I vowed I'd come back."

"I arrived in America wearing a *yarmulka* on my head. Two months later, I took it off for good, and started adjusting to my new life."

Zvi didn't pay attention to what was happening in Israel throughout his high school years. "Too busy with sports." Yet he always felt he was an outsider. He couldn't keep up socially, and never went to the *de rigueur* school proms. He spent all his leisure time watching television: a car commercial every 10 minutes; the dealer's dog posing on the hood of Today's Special.

"1967 was my first year in college, and I started to take an interest in news items about Israel," Zvi says. "I was proud of Israel, and felt a part of it. When the war broke out, I tried to volunteer. I wished I had been in the Israeli army — I got out of the American army by paying off a doctor, \$700 for an asthma 4-F. But I wanted to fight for Israel."

"In 1970, I came to the country on a study tour, spent six months on a kibbutz and then returned to L.A. After I graduated in 1974, I started the process of returning to Israel as an *oleh* *kodav*. At first, the Jewish Agency representative turned me down, said they couldn't help me because I hadn't served in the ar-

my. They said I had to serve three years in order to obtain full privileges. Then the rules of the game changed and I only had to serve nine months, at my age, to qualify for full immigrant rights."

"I didn't mean to stay here after the army — I just wanted to serve and then go back; but the privileges induced me to settle. So I did."

But for how long? Zvi boasts of his college degree, but he often seems immature and ill-educated, a spoiled kid. Summer jobs were always provided by his father, who sold the old age home and became a well-to-do building contractor.

His fellow reservists think Zvi is stubborn and superior; he feels he has an expert opinion about everything. He bulldozes his way through an argument with a religious kibbutznik in a neighbouring bunker, dominating the conversation as if it were a football match. At 30, he is still a boy. "I wish I never had to grow up," he says.

Although he seems basically good-natured, he rubs a lot of the men the wrong way. Zvi gets into a shouting match with Eliezer, a loud, demonstrative character with an organ-grinder's moustache, a fruit and vegetable dealer who came to Israel from Iraq in the 'fifties. The vulgarity of Eliezer's very first words to Zvi, concerning Zvi's wife,

shock him. Eliezer's next words are: "Twenty years I've been in this shitty army. I'm sick of it. What's it like in America? I want to go there. Israel is a rotten country, rotten people."

Zvi blows up, calls Eliezer "filth." A hot exchange follows, then silence. Zvi shows little patience, at first, for fellow reservists who constantly break the rules. It's his first stint and he's gun-ho for two weeks. Then, towards the end of the third week, he grows as sloppy and lazy as the next guy. But he still angers quickly at the ones who complain that they've had enough of the annual reserve duty. He himself has only been married for two months — to a Russian immigrant — and there are no children at home who are missing their father. It upsets family men who have done three years in the regular army, followed by reserve duty over 10, 20 or 25 years.

Zvi maintains that he came *because* of the army, but he admits that the army is the main reason most *yordim* don't come back.

"My sister married an Israeli in Los Angeles. He can't come back here, because he avoided the army. He went to the University of California instead of doing his service — he just didn't want to go in. But his own brother came back from L.A. in order to serve his full three years; and when he finished, he returned to California; he didn't want to feel like a deserter. And now, the two brothers hardly talk to each other anymore."

He says one of the main reasons why Israeli men who left are permanently stranded in America is because they can't even visit Israel. "You're allowed only one trip back. After that, the army can draft you, even if you've acquired American citizenship."

Zvi lives in a Negev development town and works in a hotel. He says he's never been happier. But he doesn't exclude the possibility that he and his wife will leave someday, go to America.

He is an odd mix of Israeli and American. He's confused, and many of the people he encounters sense this. Every time they ask him — "What are you doing here?" — he has to ask himself that question.

TELEVIEW / Philip Gillon

The weak and the old

briefly, has set up a comprehensive service for the child. His centre, obviously, should be emulated everywhere.

Israel is generally a very difficult country for the handicapped. The great Professor Philip Klein, the famous social welfare authority, who came to advise as a foreign expert and dismayed the government of the day by delivering a slashing attack on the lack of adequate social services, ascribed our indifference, and even hostility, towards the physically, mentally and emotionally underprivileged, to the work ethic that inspired the early pioneers. Up till the creation of the state, almost all immigrants had been young and healthy, determined to work for the nascent homeland; they and their sons were bewildered by the mass immigrations that included so many unfit for the religion of labour. Official attitudes have improved considerably since Philip Klein was here, but the approach of the community to the can't-works still leaves much to be desired.

This was the conclusion reached by Professor Yovel in summing up the long night, and I think he put it very well.

One of the specific difficulties that arises is with deaf children, whose hearing impairment is not detected in time. (Here early detection may transform a life.) There is a tendency to assume that they are mentally retarded. In one news programme I

noticed that, when President Jimmy Carter was talking, an interpreter for the deaf was standing just behind him with twirling fingers. A very nice touch. Some stations write what people are saying so that the deaf can read. Israel Television should consider introducing some thoughtful ideas like these.

WE HAD two other major programmes devoted to the aged, one about Shal Agnon and the other about Dame Edith Evans; I must say bluntly that I found both of them irritating and unsatisfactory.

Agnon, that supremely subtle writer, was given every opportunity to present himself as a pathetic, silly old codger. In view of the great amount of written material available for presentation, I could think of no reason why he should have been left to go less than justice to himself. If somebody decided that it was worthwhile to mark the seventh anniversary of Agnon's death, it would surely have been advisable to spend some money and make a film based on one of his stories. If the cost of this was prohibitive, they could have had some accomplished actor or actress reading them. This was a poor way to honour one of our most enigmatic writers.

Much of the criticism applies to the B.B.C. tribute to Dame Edith Evans, presented with considerable saccharine by Bryan Forbes. She did read a few pieces — one was the

amusing poem by John Betjeman about the Abbey — but in an old, quavering voice. Although he ended with a brave declaration, "I will not die," I felt that the little grandeur and pride in this film about one of the most remarkable actresses of the century. We were left to think impatiently that everyone else had passed on, why should she linger? The stills of her and Gladys Cooper as young women only served to emphasize the theme, "Golden lads and girls all must, As chimney-sweepers, come to dust."

Surely Forbes could have found some films in which she acted, or at least could have played some records of her readings during her grey days? He clearly loved her very dearly, but this was not the best way to demonstrate that love.

ON THE other hand, I must admit that old films do not stand up well to the test of time. When I first saw "I am a Camera," the 1936 film version of Christopher Isherwood's "Goodbye to Berlin," I thought that it was very good indeed, and I was completely captivated by Julie Harris as Sally Bowles. How high-spirited and full of vivacity she seemed to be! Since then we have seen the same novel transformed into that wonderful show, "Cabaret," with the incredible Lisa Minelli playing Sally. With recollections of her extraordinary vivacity still in the memory, poor Julie Harris seemed to be as pale and colourless as Ophelia

floating down the stream. Nevertheless, I hasten to add that this does not mean that Television House should not look in the archives for old films. There can be little doubt that many of these are still very enjoyable.

I DON'T KNOW whether it was the proximity of Purim that made Television House give us a "Get Smart," with poor Maxwell condemned to go through a bigamous wedding ceremony with a glamorous brunette, in order to save his country and make it a better place into which his unborn child could enter without trepidation. Maxwell was prepared to offer himself up as a sacrifice with commendable courage, although \$9 was less patriotic about the venture.

It was very funny. Again I wonder why we cannot have more and more of these half-hour comedies. Normally, our ration is limited sternly to Archie Bunker, to whom I am completely converted, whether because he has become funnier or because my standards have dripped over the years. Bearing in mind the nature of the news scheduled for every nine o'clock, we need some comedy in advance to sustain us.

Talking about the news, I notice that Danny Pe'er is delivering it with his face to the camera, and never looks down to read it. Either he has a blackboard hidden from the camera in front of him, or he swears up his lines. Either way, it is a miraculous transformation, and I hope that all the others will imitate him. I also wish that Haim Yavin would cheer up, despite the news he is delivering; he seems to have lost that inimitable dash that used to console us for the reports he was presenting.

Letters to 'Dearest David'

By SHAYA SHAPIRO

PERHAPS the most unexpected revelation in Michael Bar-Zohar's newly published biography of David Ben-Gurion is that B-G had a love affair — apparently on a purely intellectual level — with Chaim Weizmann's English secretary.

Doris May, 12 years Ben-Gurion's junior, took up Zionism as her "good cause" soon after graduating in classical languages and English literature. It was at 77 Great Russell Street, the headquarters of the Zionist Organization, that Ben-Gurion met her for the first time, and was spellbound by her erudition and open-mindedness. In London during the blitz, both spent their enforced spells in air-raid shelters studying Greek and discussing philosophy — and Zionism.

There are several letters addressed to "Dearest David," in

which the Anglo-Catholic Miss May advised her friend to read poetry, and admonished him for the "policy of murder" adopted by the dissidents in Palestine as well as the lack of adequate Zionist propaganda in Britain. Some of the letters Bar-Zohar found in Weizmann's archives, of all places. Had Weizmann known of the relations between his secretary and his arch-opponent there would have been a storm at Zionist headquarters, one of Weizmann's aides told the author.

After the establishment of the State of Israel, the redoubtable Miss May served in the Israel Embassy as uncrowned head of staff until her retirement. In 1964, she visited Ben-Gurion in Sde Boker. When Ben-Gurion became Prime Minister

again, he persuaded her to join his staff in Tel Aviv for a limited period, which she did against her better judgment. ("Do you really want a Devil's advocate in your house?") During this six-month spell, the Sinai campaign was fought, and Miss May helped to draft the complicated documents which determined Israel's relations with foreign countries at that period. But after the campaign, she returned to England and ended her life in a small town, tending her little garden and her cats.

No letters could be traced for the period after Miss May's departure. The relations between her and Ben-Gurion must have cooled, the author concludes. And they were not rekindled when Miss May came to Israel again, in 1966, to help with the publication of the Weizmann letters.

IT OCCURS TO ME / Hadassah Bat Haim

Child-rearing by the books

ONE OF THE disadvantages of having lots of published material on bringing up children is the sense of guilt firmly implanted in the minds of those who use it.

Not enough time has gone by to find out if the generation brought up by the book is affected by this. Will the knowledge that they have driven their elders into a state of permanent anxiety produce similar neuroses in them or will they have quite different kinds? For those of us who live long enough, it will be interesting — if wearing — to learn. In the meantime we pick our nervous way between several psychological and behavioural schools, confident only in the premise that whatever we do, it will always turn out that we should have done something else.

Not everyone sticks close to the book, but even the most nonconformist of us knows there is one rule that must never be broken: It is at all times forbidden to turn away from the inquiries of a blossoming mind. Every question, no matter how irrelevant, must be considered as gravely as if the future of the world

depended on it. If the answer is not within the scope of the mentor, it must be sought in reference books and from experts. With this precept ever in front of me, I have on occasion tried to find out whether horses dream, why too much ice-cream brings trouble to some and not to others and what colour are the stars.

The latest queries come from a member of the rising generation allowed into the kitchen to help with the baking: If Purim cakes are supposed to represent the ears of Haman, why are they filled? And if they are really pockets — this being my explanation brought forward from my childhood — then why are they three-cornered?

Leaving the dough to rise, we look for a portrait of Haman in a pictorial Bible, but his ears are invisible under a fur hat and he doesn't seem to have any pockets. Perhaps, I suggest, the shape is roughly representative of a head and the poptoe and other goodies are the brains.

My interrogator, who is one of those genius-type children who

knows everything, says that's not the way brains look. He knows, because his conscientious parents, worried about accusations of not encouraging his intelligence, have bought him a plastic man. He proposes now that we should experiment with macaroni for an accurate representation of grey matter.

If nuts and raisins, he wants to know, why not chocolate spread or peanut butter or marmalade? Declining his offer of help and at a loss to explain the traditional reason for the stuffing, I bribe him with the first hatch of finished hachak to go away and ask his daddy. Dr. Spock not withstanding, enough is enough.

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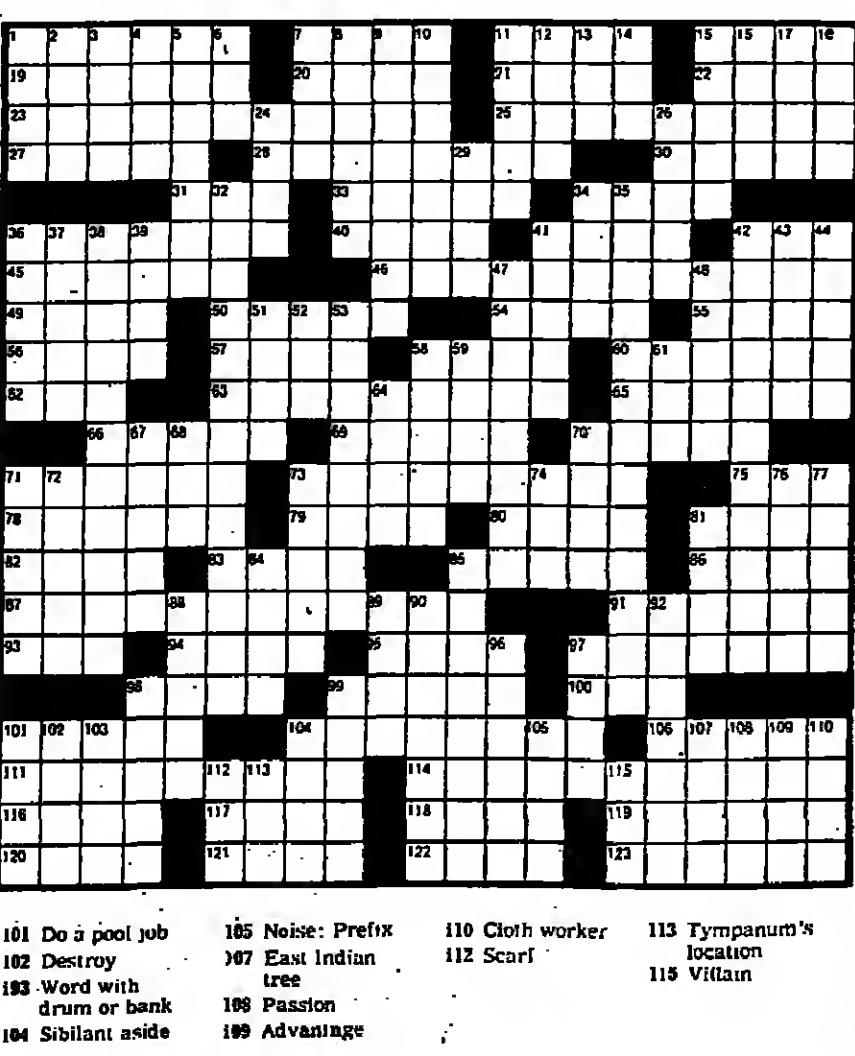
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GENERAL

Business Offers

- * In southern Ireland, trustworthy Israeli sales promotion + administration - interested in representing economic organizations, industrial plants, companies. P.O.B. 486, Tel Aviv.
- * Sale for personal reasons, gift + ceramics shop, regular customers. 748221, Friday: 44414, from Shabbat onwards.
- * Wish to acquire experience in developing going concern; possibility of investment. P.O.B. 2187, Tel Aviv.
- * Want to buy a petrol station anywhere in the country. Apply to P.O.B. 594, Jerusalem.
- * For rent, workshop with power and phone, 74sq.m. + yard with roof. 748776.
- * For sale, complete restaurant and kitchen equipment including grill, 74777, Yehoshua.
- * "Everest" 02-233221, require business and factories for serious clients in Tel Aviv and surroundings.
- * Gil Toys require agents with commercial vehicle, 4 Hahav Hakafu, 882923.
- * Highly experienced people seek active business for monthly rental, restaurant, coffee house, steak house, garden in institution or large factory etc. Prepared also to invest. 728441, 3.00-11.00, 214317, 720753 evenings, 10.00-12.00.
- * Rehovot, self service grocery for rent, possibility for fruits and vegetables. 025-23543.
- * Ashdod, agent with office and phone in central position, seeks serious agencies in Ashdod and Sotuf, Tel. 053-2522, during office hours.
- * Go to where the business is. Bargain, mobile restaurant. 740087.
- * Required partner (driver) for tourist minibus. Tel. 22572, 225817.
- * 22% to 30% interest on large bank investment through us - Hevra Leigrot Hoy Yervuyot Ltd., 30 Lillienblum, 2nd floor, Tel Aviv. 58986, 58443.
- * Mobile snackbar, completely equipped + year lease, 1968 model, Tel. 053-3024.
- * For sale, Ramat Gan shop, 87 Sokolov, To suit any purpose. 941466.
- * Rent or sale, established business, rubber stamp + engraved signs. Central Tel Aviv. 589822.
- * Rehovot, bargain due to dissolution of partnership, 35,000 buys your real estate agency combined with lawyer's office. 941466.
- * Sala, sun print firm in full working condition. 729889.
- * Rental, operating delicatessen with all equipment + gallery, Harbuz, Ramat Gan, 30160, evenings and Shabbat.
- * Established aluminum business + large clientele of good standing + 4 stores, 1000sq.m. in industrial buildings, internal + external lifts, needs active or sleeping investing partner. Investment about 11.5 million. Apply P.O.B. 1229, Be'er Brak.
- * If you can invest 11.250,000-200,000 to open a new ice cream shop, Ramat Gan, Holon, Bat Yam, Tel Aviv areas, apply P.O.B. 1334, Tel Aviv, for 72888-10.

Groups

- * Purim party this evening for adults 40+, Samy, 28 Keren Kayemot LeYisrael.
- * Let's speak English! Beginners, intermediate, advanced at the club for studying spoken English, 13 Beukin, Tel Aviv (opposite Bet Hanayal). 459141.
- * Inter-Jewish single introductions, Shalom Organization, P.O.B. 6190, Tel Aviv.
- * Singles encounter week-end, Group Dynamics, 11-3.1977, "Tivon", 02-873556.
- * Humanistic Psychology, Self awareness, for couples and singles. Tivon 02-873556.
- * Certified Massei! Expert, experienced (35+) P.O.B. 3109, Tel Aviv.

Matrimonial

- * "Pina", for college graduates, divorced, all ages and backgrounds. Confidential. 02-21743.
- * "Pina", Mitebunking Institute, for serious people, college graduates of all ages. Special department for religious people. 02-21743.
- * "Ofer" Institute, established, solid, trustworthy. At your service, immediate acquaintance with high potential, Israeli and foreign. Legally registered. 264229, 25 Dizengoff, Flat 3.
- * Do you know whom you can meet through P.O.B. 68824, 1 branch in Tel Aviv.
- * Matrimonial + European marriage bureau, mainly for academics and religious. Possible meetings with foreigners. 25-2323.
- * Many offers for young, mature intelligent people interested in succeeding. 02-60245.
- * Pretty, academic, established widow, 42, P.O.B. 18349, Jerusalem.
- * Electronic computer for ideal introduction. Free prospectus and questionnaire! C.F.U.I. P.O.B. 8280 Tel Aviv.
- * "Aviv" Gigantic Institute for introductions. P.O.B. 18028, Gimmel Tel Aviv. Ask for prospectus and hundreds of offers.
- * "Tzavta" For Americans interested in marriage, introductions by means of friends. 02-24259.
- * "Globus" Serious matchmaking office. Polite and cordial relationship. Special offers (religious department) 02-44742, 25 Dizengoff.
- * Meet other singles on a trip to Sinai. Details: P.O.B. 9444 Jerusalem.
- * Group being organized for ages 25-35 from Holon and surroundings. P.O.B. 3021 Tel Aviv.
- * Exclusive matchmaker for academic circles. Tel. 04-733358, Mohe.

Pets

- * Pedigreed Doberman Pinscher, 3rd imported, Ashkelon champion. 02-51405.
- * Vodka, Israel champion, has brown + spotted boxer pups. 740030.
- * Hamerka's Haartaal for domestic pets, 2 Mivve Yisrael, Tel Aviv. 30140, 30141, 30142, 30143, 30144, 30145, 30146, 30147, 30148, 30149, 30150, 30151, 30152, 30153, 30154, 30155, 30156, 30157, 30158, 30159, 30160, 30161, 30162, 30163, 30164, 30165, 30166, 30167, 30168, 30169, 30170, 30171, 30172, 30173, 30174, 30175, 30176, 30177, 30178, 30179, 30180, 30181, 30182, 30183, 30184, 30185, 30186, 30187, 30188, 30189, 30190, 30191, 30192, 30193, 30194, 30195, 30196, 30197, 30198, 30199, 30200, 30201, 30202, 30203, 30204, 30205, 30206, 30207, 30208, 30209, 30210, 30211, 30212, 30213, 30214, 30215, 30216, 30217, 30218, 30219, 30220, 30221, 30222, 30223, 30224, 30225, 30226, 30227, 30228, 30229, 30230, 30231, 30232, 30233, 30234, 30235, 30236, 30237, 30238, 30239, 30240, 30241, 30242, 30243, 30244, 30245, 30246, 30247, 30248, 30249, 30250, 30251, 30252, 30253, 30254, 30255, 30256, 30257, 30258, 30259, 30260, 30261, 30262, 30263, 30264, 30265, 30266, 30267, 30268, 30269, 30270, 30271, 30272, 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TEL AVIV STOCKS Market chalks up good week

TEL AVIV. — With an eye towards Purim festivities the stock market closed the week in satisfactory fashion. Sharee were uneven but there were enough gainers to maintain the course of the upward market. Bonds also continued to exhibit a bullish tone, and the Natat investment dollar not only consolidated Wednesday's 16-point gain but managed to add on another three points to an all-time high of IL10.42. The General Index of Share Prices rose by 0.28 per cent to 115.80 points. Bank Leumi shares, in the wake of a good balance sheet, added 1/2 point to 303.10 (pref. + opt.) followed suit to 146.5. Other commercial and mortgage banks continued to mark time as prices remained fixed. Insurance shares continued to rebound from recent profit-taking. Arzev gained 9/16 to 605, and Hasmev added 4 to 430 1/2. All shares showed some gains in this section of the market.

Real estate and land development shares apparently began the Purim holiday early as there were almost no changes in their prices.

Industrials lacked the excitement of recent sessions. There were no broad swings among the market favourites. Phoenixia, the glassmaker, saw its shares traded on a "buyers only" basis. The registered shares closed at 166 and

Most active issues

L.D.B. (pref.+opt.)	149.5-0.5	IL950,400
Bank Leumi	303+0.5	IL890,100
Bank Leumi	223+0.5	IL255,500
Shares traded:		IL15.8m.
Variable:		IL2.1m.
Bonds:		IL10.42-3/4
Natat:		170,000
Demand:		103,000
Turnover:		\$103,000

Sole Boneh 10% pref.	b	410	404
Property & Building	r	287.5	287.5
Isra	r	292	292
McKadri	r	430.5	430.5
I.C.P. Citrus	r	385	345
Net Aviv	r	342	345
Pri Or Ltd.	r	480	478
Rasoco - 5% pref.	r	268	268
Rasoco	r	161	159.5

INDUSTRIAL	r	845	848
Alliance - B	r	438	430
Elco - 2.5	r	315	324
Electra - 5	r	306	310
Argon - 5%	r	177	178
Ata - C	r	177	178
Dubek	r	505	490
Elco Wire & Cable	r	135	135
Teve	r	1190	1152
Chem. & Phosphates	r	220	220
Lewin Epstein	r	190	190
Moller Textile	r	240	238.5
Paper Mills	r	239	238
Asia "B"	r	235	214
Neuchuan 8% pref.	r	121	121
Elite	r	354	350
Shemen - 5% pref.	r	240	225
Frutaron	r	185	179
Frutaron New	r	185	185
Elron IL2	r	620	616

INVESTMENT COMPANIES	r	242	238
Elgar	r	352	350
Elron Central Trade	r	850	840
Hapoalim	r	264.5	264.5
Paz	r	624	630
Wolston - IL10	r	165	165
Ampa	r	187	187
Discount	r	260	259
United Mizrahi	r	230	230
Bank Leumi	r	282	283
Piryon	r	506	505
Export Bank	r	188	187
Clal	r	223	223
Clal Industries	r	224	221

FUEL, OIL AND UTILITIES	r	1130	1110
Naphta OTC	r	1330	1320
Lapidoth OTC	r	1990	1990
Israel Exploration	r	1760	1759
Jordan Warrants	r	4840	425.5
Dolek C	r	347	346
Israel Electric Corp.	r	128	127

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REAL ESTATE, LAND DEVELOPMENT AND CITIES	r	145	143.5
Asorim	r	545.8	547
Africa Israel IL10	r	160.5	161.5
Ar. Land Dev.	r	160.5	161.5

One-woman protest

LEILA BRODSKY of Jerusalem held a one-woman protest demonstration outside the Electra appliance store in Jaffa Road on Wednesday, charging the firm with misleading new immigrants. Her daughter, a recent settler with immigrant privileges, ordered a Westinghouse washing machine from Electra, the American manufacturer's authorized dealer here. The daughter was assured, as is stated on the sign in the window, that the washer was free of duty. But when she came to free it from customs, she was billed for IL700 duty. The official explained that although Westinghouse is a U.S. company, the machine was assembled in Italy and not — as required in cases of customs exemption — from the ole's country of origin.

"If Electra had told us that the washing machine was not shipped from the U.S., we would have bought elsewhere," said Mrs. Brodsky. When her two-hour protest began to attract passersby, the storekeeper called her inside and offered her payment for customs. But Mrs. Brodsky refused, asserting that all goods should have their origin clearly marked so immigrants are not fooled. She says she intends to picket the store again.



Bar-Lev at Tel Aviv-Yafo Chamber of Commerce

Licensing system for importers demanded

By J. VOET

TEL AVIV. — Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev must have felt almost as if he were in the enemy camp, when he faced the 31st general meeting of the Tel Aviv-Yafo chamber of commerce here this week.

The meeting opened with a scathing attack on the Government's economic policies by chamber president Avner Ben-Yahar. He criticized the high rates of inflation, labour unrest and "unnecessary" export subsidies. He scored the Government for doing something — not enough — to alleviate underlying symptoms, but failing to muster enough courage to tackle underlying causes.

He stressed that while Government spending was much too high, commerce was the only sector of the economy that did not enjoy subsidies.

He also pleaded for a licensing system for recognized importers. The present situation allowed persons not qualified for the task to import merchandise, and led to the

Warning against atomic power plants

Jerusalem Post asset Reporter

The public council campaigning against the construction of an atomic power plant at Nitzanim told the Knesset Interior Committee Wednesday that the potential risks to the population were not being properly checked.

Council spokesmen said that the Atomic Energy Commission and the Electric Corporation were not paying due attention to warnings by American and other experts.

Amendment proposed for inheritance tax law

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Inheritance Tax Law would be amended to increase the basic sums exempted from tax, as well as the tax tables themselves, in accordance with the cost-of-living index, under an amendment by Simcha Erlich and Yeheskel Flumin (both Likud-Liberal) which was voted to the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

Flumin explained that the figures in the law as last fixed at the beginning of 1970 would have to be doubled to allow for the decline in the value of the pound.

SHEKEM'S LARGEST store in Israel, occupying an area of 6,000 square metres and complete with baby-sitting facilities, was dedicated this week in Beersheba.

Egypt's tax reform law has little chance of curing many basic ills

By SUSAN DEFORD

CAIRO. — Egypt's Tax Reform Law may never have the chance to cure the country's economic ills, because it must be administered by an underpaid tax department riddled with corruption and institutionalized paralysis.

The combination of a hapless tax administration and antiquated tax laws has produced scant revenue for government coffers. In 1976, tax collections totalled \$921m., 8 per cent of the country's \$13.3b. budget.

Tax collectors themselves admit their brethren are susceptible to bribes from tax evaders, but argue this results from the low pay and prestige accorded their position.

Few people in Egypt pay taxes, many because they are too poor and are tax exempt. Those with money, the rich and the middle class, evade taxes because present laws tax away nearly all their wealth.

Although no accurate statistics can be obtained, observers estimate that in a country of 38m. people, with a labour force of 10m., the number of taxpayers is well below three million.

Egypt's new tax law is now being discussed by ruling party officials before being submitted to a legislative subcommittee of the People's Assembly. Although government officials called for tax reform two years ago, it took two days of bloody food-price riots in January to spur speedier consideration of the bill.

The main provision of the tax reform attempt is to redistribute the tax burden and eliminate widespread tax evasion.

Under the new law, Egyptians will be required for the first time to submit statements listing their sources of income.

The law carries a stiff penalty, 25 years at hard labour, for those who give incorrect information or fail to submit an income statement every three years as required.

Reform measures also provide for increasing the ceiling on tax exempt incomes to \$1,250 and reducing the 35 per cent tax on annual income above \$25,000 to 70 per cent.

But as far as Egypt's tax collectors are concerned, the long overdue reform means more reports and files without any palliatives to sweeten their task. "They didn't make our job any easier," a tax official said. "We still have the same system. We're going to have to work more at the same pay."

Although Egypt's myriad tax laws are confusing, ineffective and encourage evasion, the tax administration's structure defies any attempt at organization. In 1971, the Finance Minister changed the collection system from a geographical basis to one divided according to specialized taxes. For example, in Cairo there are no district tax offices responsible for the collection of all taxes within a certain area. Instead, there are 22 specialized tax departments with categories like communication tax, food commodities, agriculture, textiles, and general income tax. The departments are responsible for the collection of their respective taxes throughout Cairo, a city of eight million people.

However, the system differs for rural areas, where tax departments aren't specialized and must collect

'Berlin exhibit' in Haifa

By LEA LEVAVI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli construction engineers who went to Berlin for advanced training were so impressed by the course and the hospitality, that they wanted to do something to reciprocate. This is how the idea of the Berlin Exhibition, which will open Saturday night in Haifa, was born.

The exhibit, which shows both the history and the projected future of Berlin, will move from Haifa to the three other major cities. From here, it will travel to other countries.

At a press conference here

87% of Dan vote for Egged merger

By YITZHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The public may look forward to improved bus service in about two months as a result of the decision to merge by the Egged and Dan bus cooperatives, Egged spokesman, Rafi Rosenberg said yesterday.

An overwhelming 87 per cent of Dan members voted in favour of the merger.

The partnership committees of the cooperatives met yesterday to iron out a number of outstanding issues. Rosenberg said the next step would be joint meetings of the two secretariats.

Officially the full merger of the cooperatives will take place in six to eight months, but it will then be retroactive to January 1.

Turkey devalues lira

ANKARA. — Turkey this week devalued the lira by approximately three per cent against the U.S. dollar, according to the Official Gazette.

The new rate is 17.50 lira to one dollar. The reason given by the Official Gazette was the strengthening of the dollar on international markets.

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THE KIBYAT HAIM local committee has elected Glora Fischer as chairman, replacing Ze'ev Shoshani, also a Labour Party veteran.

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WALL STREET Hour before closing, March 3 Stocks fight way up

NEW YORK. — After a slow morning, the stock market fought its way higher yesterday, boosted by the government's plan to fight inflation out tempered by bad news about factory orders.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks was up more than five points half an hour before the close, and gainers moved ahead of losers by a 7 to 5 margin.

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Vacillation's price

THE PRECISE INTENTIONS of the Lebanese Government in suggesting a UN force of undisclosed nature to patrol, or police, the border area with Israel, or perhaps even a wider territory beyond it, remains somewhat obscure. What is fairly plain, however, is that the new proposal exhibits an old pattern of official Lebanese behaviour: the tendency to resolve acute problems by ducking and evading them.

Of all the Arab countries neighbouring Israel, none has seemed, from the start, to be a more natural candidate for a peace settlement than Lebanon. Large segments of the country's population have always been rather sympathetic to the Zionist, and then the Israeli, enterprise. There has never been any dispute over territory between Lebanon and Israel. The international frontier could easily have been made a permanent border of peace decades ago.

It has, of course, always been realized in both Beirut and Jerusalem that Lebanon could not be the first Arab state to take such a daring step. The country's position, both externally and internally, is too tenuous for that. But Lebanese politicians have gone out of their way to cite their difficulties — the constant threat from expansionist Syria, the precarious balance between Christians and Moslems, the presence of Palestinian refugees — as an excuse from taking any move towards peace at all.

The 1949 armistice agreement became a shield rather than, as originally contemplated, a bridge to a final settlement. When, 19 years later, the Security Council offered a formula for a "just and durable peace," Beirut argued that it was exempt from the obligation because it had taken no active part in the Six Day War. Conveniently forgetting that it had pronounced the armistice dead on June 6, 1967, it blithely went on to claim that it was only bound by that document.

Therefore, it kept away from all post-war diplomatic efforts. After the Yom Kippur War, in which it had taken no part, Lebanon insisted that it need not go to Geneva. Let others solve its problems for Lebanon, it seemed to be saying.

In the meantime, however, it was not even prepared to assume its duties under the armistice agreement. The depredations of PLO terrorists from bases in southern Lebanon were, in Beirut's version, the responsibility of Israel, which had "expelled" the Palestinians. Instead of trying to discipline the terrorists in their encampments, the Lebanese Government preferred to make agreements with them. When these proved hollow, it would run to the UN, to complain about Israeli "retaliation" — and, every now and then, to ask for UN observers.

This ostrich-like attitude has cost Lebanon very dearly. In 20 months of a disastrous civil war, but the lessons have apparently still not been fully assimilated. True, Beirut is now, at long last, prepared to go to Geneva "at a later stage." But to prevent the resurgence of the terrorist menace in the south it can still think of nothing — short of the entry of Syrian troops, which is intolerable to Israel — except the introduction of UN policemen. Lebanon's salvation will not come from the intervention of strangers. What Lebanon needs is not a buffer between itself and Israel, but more of the human engagement which has lately been developing in the border zone. The people of southern Lebanon, both Christians and Moslem, have had enough of the terrorists, and they will surely cooperate with Lebanese national forces in maintaining the peace of the area.

Let the Government of Lebanon only put its foot down, and it will find that many — including Israel — are prepared to back it to the hilt.

Bank Leumi is 75

OF THE BIG THREE undertakings that handle between them over 80 per cent of Israel's banking business, one belongs to private enterprise; one to the Histadrut, that is the workers; and one — the biggest of the three, Bank Leumi — to the World Zionist Organisation, that is, the Jewish people.

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Lately the bank has given all the owners of its stock voting rights, which enables them to attend shareholders' meetings, and to demand information. Nevertheless three-quarters of the voting-power stays with the OHE. Whether this is to remain the pattern, only the future can tell.

Meanwhile the existing control system makes sure that this powerful financial instrument continues to serve the Zionist and the national interest — as it has done, successfully and constructively, since the beginning of the present century.

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AL HAMISHMAH (Mapam) rejects the contentions of the Likud against the Prime Minister's planned visit to Washington next week. "It is pure demagoguery to contend that he should postpone the visit until after the elections. The heads of all the states of the region are to visit Washington. In view of the importance of the Prime Minister's meeting President Carter

and leading administration personalities, it is clear that to postpone the visit would undermine Israel's standing and its links with the new administration. As to the matter of authority, so long as it remains in office, the Government has the full authority to function in accordance with the policy approved by the Knesset.

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Shoot first, then draw your target

THE EXPLANATIONS emanating from the Treasury about what happened on the public-sector wage front recall the hoary tale of the village archer who told an admirer of his unerring marksmanship that there was really nothing to it: you simply had to shoot first and outline the target afterwards.

For months it has been dinned into our ears that any breach of the government's wage policy would spell disaster. Wage restraint was the most important condition for containing inflation, for keeping government expenditure within the budgetary limits, for continued improvement of the balance of payments, and for the resumption of growth. Mr. Yehoshua Rabinowitz, was quoted as having exclaimed in Lear-like tones, upon hearing of the wage settlement with the doctors, "You have ruined me the country."

Not so long ago, official spokesmen explained that the fall in the real wages of public-sector employees reflected the priority given by the government to production. The slogan which embodied this policy was, "With the face towards production."

According to what we now hear from the Treasury, the wage settlements reached last week in the public sector will be no disaster. Their economic impact will, in fact, be slight.

What we are now being told is, in short, that everything has remained as planned. It is said that the 2.5 per cent limit to wage increases was never the whole story because that limit did not include promotions. Also, there was never any intention to reduce real wages in the public sector, only to contain them. A whole battery of arguments has disappeared and left a grin behind.

THE TREASURY, unlike anyone else, is evidently able to have it both ways. Something can be a disaster before it happens, and no more than a slight inconvenience after the event. But this time, the traditional gullibility of the public is being taxed to the limit.

What happened last week actually reflects more upon the government's ability to govern than upon either the state of the economy or the piratical attitudes imputed by the press to what is, after all, nearly 30 per cent of the country's working population. The strikes and sanctions which have bedevilled the country for months, and with increasing momentum in the last few weeks in the shadow, cast by a possible package deal, have not exactly ended with a whimper, but neither has there been any big bang. The settlement reached seems to be totally out of proportion to the violence of the preceding disputes.

This gives rise to three questions. One: how large will the resulting economic disaster (if any), be? Two: can a 6.7 per cent pay rise be settled only by first unsettling the whole country? And three: why had no new wage agreement been signed with the civil servants since April 1976, so that they will now be getting back pay for nearly a year?

With regard to the economic consequences of the present industrial peace, or rather truce, the Treasury may be closer to the mark with its present explanations than with the policy arrows shot into the blue in the past.

The government's gross outlay for the wage rises will be about IL2b. Of this, IL700m. will be recouped through income tax, leaving additional disposable income of about IL2.3b. Although IL2b. of extra expenditure was already provided for in the budget reserve, let us assume that the entire amount will represent an addition to aggregate demand.

How is this likely to affect prices? ACCORDING to available estimates, each pound of additional expenditure may generate, as it percolates through the economy, half a pound of second-round expenditure.

The Treasury now justifies a policy it had until recently condemned as disastrous. But Post Economic Editor MEIR MERHAV says the reversal may be far from a disaster.

the rest being drained off into imports and savings. The IL2.3b. may therefore, as the expenditure works itself out, increase total GNP by IL2.5b. which happens to be about 2.5 per cent of what was forecast for 1977. Were the economy fully employed, this would mean that prices might go up by 2.5 per cent.

But the additional demand will not come up against an economy unable to provide more goods and services. The Bank of Israel estimates that there is unutilized capacity of 15 to 30 per cent — most of it in areas geared to the domestic market. Potentially, therefore, the economy could easily supply the extra demand without any price rise and what we would get would be, after three years of stagnation, an expansion of real output.

Our inflationary atmosphere, however, the wage rises will be taken as one more signal for producers to jack up their prices. Last week's anguished cries by Treasury officials that inflation would now double from 25 per cent to 50 have no doubt "helped" in this respect.

Most important, the government's lame-duck attempt to impose a wage-price freeze, although dead in the Knesset, has not yet been officially declared defunct. The resort to emergency regulations still remains a possibility, albeit a remote one. Thus, all those who can, and who want to be on the safe side of price controls, will try to raise their prices.

More consumption, it will be argued, will depress the balance of payments in two ways. First, it will increase imports both directly and, in the shape of raw materials, indirectly. Second, it will play havoc with the government's efforts to attract more workers and productive capacity to the export field. If the import component is about 30 per cent, the expansion of the GNP by IL2.5b. may cost the economy some \$50m. in foreign exchange. To earn that amount, we would have to export \$100m. more goods and services. This is no negligible amount — but it is also far short of a calamity.

THERE REMAINS the two-part argument that the extra demand for consumption goods will shift workers away from producing for exports and that the rise in public sector wages will again attract new workers to clerical jobs rather than industry. Much plant and machinery is already idle, we are told by the Bank of Israel, especially in domestically-oriented industries.

The first part of this argument clings obstinately to an overemployment theory which has little foundation. Industrial employment remained virtually unchanged between 1972 and 1976, despite the rise in real output. There is little question that considerably more can still be produced with the existing labour force. With an unemployment rate in excess of 4 per cent, with a labour force participation of 46.3 per cent, including 17 per cent which is regularly employed only part time, the limit of available labour is in any case still some way off.

As to the second part of the argument, it is high time to lay to rest the idea that the labour force is a homogeneous reservoir which, in response to varying financial incentives, can feed either industry or the services. This may serve some didactic purpose in an economics

classroom, although heaven knows why anyone should want to teach or learn such theories. In reality there is little competition between candidates for clerical and administrative work and potential industrial workers. Wage differentials have little to do with it.

In short: the economic disaster predicted in Cassandra-like waits as late as last week is not going to happen — at least not because the public sector wages are going up. But if we can afford to let the predicted GNP mount a little without choking on it, the question arises whether the whole recessionist policy is not founded on unimaginative timidity and the continuation, through habit, of a policy which may have been inevitable in 1974, but which has now become dangerously counterproductive.

If OUR analysis is more or less correct, it means that IL2.5b. more output may cost \$50m. in foreign exchange. Each dollar saved by reducing consumption thus costs something like IL40-50 in domestic resources made idle. To justify such a cost, the recessionist ideologues would have to promise a fantastic return for this "investment" at some later time. We have had no hint of such a prospect even from the wildest optimists.

To deal with our remaining questions: could the apparent "class struggle" engulfed the country have been avoided? Apparently not, considering the mechanics of wage negotiations. For had Messrs. Eitan, Gani, Waldmann and other leaders of the various unions told their constituents, "We have obtained a 6.7 per cent rise through peaceful negotiations," they would have been informed that they might have got twice as much had they gone on strike. Struggle is an essential part of the process. Union leaders must not win — their victories must be hard-won.

But one should not put the main blame on the union leaders. The fact is that the government took no initiative over a new wage contract in April, 1976. Instead, it dug itself in behind the framework agreement signed with the Histadrut, which stipulated a maximum increase of 2.5 per cent.

Although it should have borne in mind that 1977 would be an election year, and that Mr. Meshe's signature is valid only if counter-signed by the individual unions, the government seems to have believed that it would muddle through somehow. As a result of the attempt to hide behind the Histadrut secretary general, negotiations, when they finally had to be conducted, became acrimonious. A settlement was reached only after the country had been submitted to recurrent breakdowns in services, after whole groups of public servants had once again been taught the demoralising lesson that only force will achieve anything, and had been branded as near-traitors.

No employer has any valid excuse for dragging out, or acquiescing in the dragging out, of the renewals of labour contracts. The Histadrut must learn that it cannot serve as a guarantor of wage policy in the absence of individual wage agreements, and that foot-dragging and prevarication are no alternative to a rational policy and good management.

What has happened has exposed both the government's ineptness in the conduct of its own declared policy and the aimlessness of the policy itself, whose only purpose apparently is to mark time. It has shown that to present the current stagnation to us as the necessary prelude to economic recovery at some indefinite future date is an expensive illusion.

Perhaps the economic expansion now forced upon the government will loosen the rigidities created by three years of standstill and set us on a new course. It could, however, have been done in a sounder way.

THE YADLIN CASE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Doris Lankin, in her article discussing the reasons why Asher Yadlin changed his plea from "not guilty" to "guilty" (February 15), advanced three possible explanations. It is the second explanation, coming from such a learned, competent jurist, that baffled me. Ms. Lankin stated in part as follows: "...Yadlin despaired of getting a fair trial in the atmosphere of public vengeance fermented against him...no-one could blame a layman in the judiciary process, like Yadlin, for such fears, in the light of his four months of detention without bail without any real justification" (Italics mine).

Is Mr. Yadlin, the highly sophisticated public servant who was slated to become the Governor of the Bank of Israel, comparable to a simple layman, unfamiliar with Israel's judicial process? Mr. Yadlin did not have to be a trained jurist to know that he would be tried by a compe-

tent judge who would be guided solely by the law and not by press reports or public outcries. Moreover, Yadlin had the best available legal assistance to advise him. Now, after the court trial, it is obvious that there has been no valid reason to blame the press for unfounded reporting which evoked "public vengeance" against the accused. On the contrary, the Israeli press should be commended for doing investigative reporting in depth, in the best tradition of American and Western journalism which disclosed Watergate and other similar abuses of public trust. If it were not for the Israeli press, the Yadlin affair and analogous cases would probably still lay dormant.

One can readily sympathize with the personal tragedy of the Yadlin family, but any comparison of the Yadlin case with that of Dreyfus in France, as it was done in a public letter, was an affront to the sufferings and good name of that greatly maligned Jew.

One also wonders about Doris Lankin's statement that Yadlin's detention without bail was "without any real justification." Such preliminary detention of a suspect in criminal offenses, to prevent obstruction of justice, is an accepted practice in Western jurisdiction. In fact, in Israel, this procedure has many additional safeguards for the detainee, as the investigative organs are restricted by law and strictly controlled by the judiciary in this respect. The fact that the prosecution in the Yadlin case was ready to present the testimony of 50 witnesses to prove the accused's guilt clearly shows that the accused could have tampered with the testimony of these witnesses if he had free access to them.

Finally, the findings of the court and the sentence conclusively vindicate the Israeli media of any excessiveness in this case.

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ARIK SHARON's lightning visit to Britain has "blitzed" Israel's information drive, according to our London correspondent. People who have been striving long and hard to counter Arab propaganda are feeling desperate as a result of Arik's failure to appreciate that what he says down on his farm can't be said in so many words in London.

Sharon wanted headlines and got them, especially when he advocated that Israel should meet, and in effect recognize, the PLO. By doing this, he has given the Arab lobby in Britain a powerful argument for their case to legitimize the terrorists, an argument the Jewish community has been fighting for some time.

Moreover, Sharon provided valuable ammunition to detractors of Israel when he said that the present government had caused moral degeneration and that mass emigration was due to Israeli bureaucracy.

Addressing a distinguished audience brought together by Winston Churchill M.P., Sharon declared that the Rabin Government had made Israel "hostage to the U.S. administration" and led Israel to negotiate "from a position of weakness."

More ammunition for Israel's detractors was given when he said: "Until 1973, Israel did not really try to reach a settlement with the Arabs." Or "In Israel people are not ready to do anything but die for their country."

An old friend of his set up the British Friends of Shomzion, but it is doubtful whether the wealthy friends of Israel drawn together by Churchill will provide the financial support he obviously seeks. The impression Arik makes is of the lone ranger ready to ride forth to Israel's rescue. As he said, "I want to stay on and so."

my farm but I fear the Egyptians will be at the gate...we have no leadership." Then he went on to talk of replacing the present system with a president governing with a team of technocrats. That idea sends shivers down some spines.

JEWISH TRADITION prescribes that when a building is constructed or a piece of art is created, a small corner is left unfinished to remind the beholder of the Destruction of the Temple. The city fathers of Jerusalem and officials of the Corporation for the Reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter may have had this in mind when they decided what to do with the ruins of the Old City's Hurva Synagogue. A contribution from Dr. and Mrs. Andre Alenstadt of Montreal will allow the company to strengthen the foundations and repair some of the arches amid the ruins. But the once-magnificent will not be reconstructed.

"With the rest of the Jewish Quarter rebuilt, we don't want anyone to forget how we found it," says Mayor Teddy Kollek. Eventually, he hopes a new Hurva Synagogue will be constructed next to the "memorial ruin." But today, there are "enough" synagogues in the Jewish Quarter, he adds. "It's more important to spend money for new synagogues in the outlying quarters like Ramot and Gilo."

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